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## 38th Majlis Ansarullah Ijtema UK Concludes with Address by Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

**Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad inaugurates new MTA International Studios in Islamabad**

*“You can only truly be called ‘Ansarullah’ when you answer the call of the Imam of this Age, the appointed one of God, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, and are not just Ansarullah by name” – Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad*

On 12 September 2021, the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered the concluding address of the 38th National Ijtema (Annual Gathering) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association UK (Majlis Ansarullah) from the brand-new MTA Studios in Islamabad, Tilford.

The 2-day event of Majlis Ansarullah, which comprises of male members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community above the age of 40, took place at the Baitul Futuh Mosque in London and was attended physically by more than 1,570 people from across the UK whilst many others tuned in virtually.

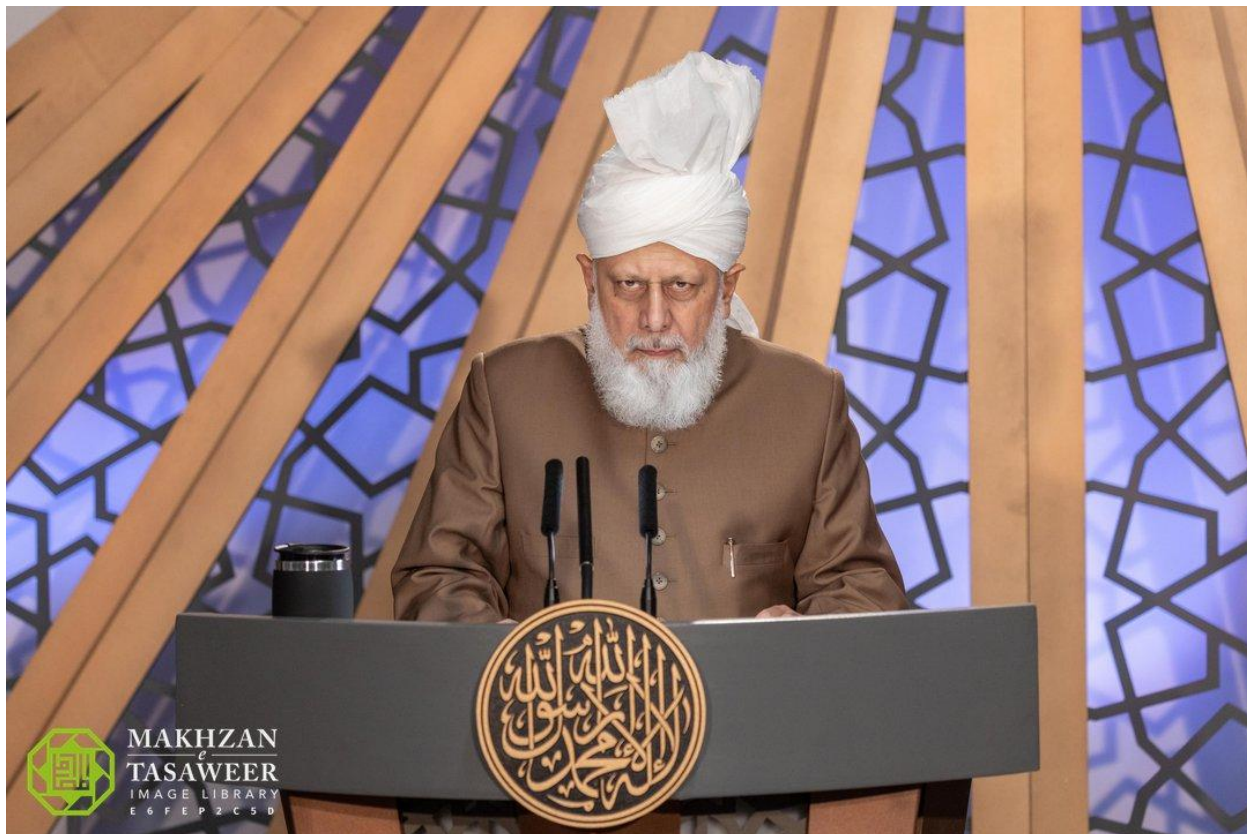


During his address His Holiness spoke in detail about the standards of righteousness and sacrifice that the members of Majlis Ansarullah should strive to attain as outlined by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

His Holiness highlighted the heavy responsibility that lay upon the members of Majlis Ansarullah to understand and fulfil the spirit of ‘*Ansarullah*’.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“On one occasion the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said that when the prophets (peace be upon them) asked ‘Who is it that will help me in taking people towards Allah the Almighty?’ it was because it is the law of nature that to complete grand and important tasks there is the need of helpers. Such great tasks cannot be completed by just one person. Moreover, even though the Prophets manifested the highest standards of reliance and trust upon God, according to this law of nature they still also called upon helpers.”***



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

***“Therefore you who call yourselves ‘Ansarullah’ (The helpers of God) must always keep this at the forefront of your mind that you can only truly be called ‘Ansarullah’ when you answer the call of the Imam of this Age, the appointed one of God, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, and are not just Ansarullah by name. Rather, be those who sincerely raise slogans that ‘we are the helpers of Allah’, whilst understanding this spirit as well.”***

His Holiness explained that living up to the pledge of Ansarullah and being true helpers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) requires self-assessment and a great reformation of one’s individual state.

In this regard Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“In order to fulfil our pledges of being Ansarullah, and in order to be the true helpers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), in the completion of this great and far-reaching work, we must enter the field with purpose and endeavour. Only then can we be true Ansarullah. Mere verbal claims of being so are hollow and meaningless. Rather, we must reflect upon our actual state.”***

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

***“The task of propagating the message of Islam to the corners of the Earth is no easy feat. For this we must deepen our relationship with God, increase the standards of our righteousness, strive to increase our knowledge and endeavour to live our lives in accordance with the commandments of Allah the Almighty.”***



During his address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad narrated several extracts from the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) regarding the lofty standards that Ahmadi Muslims should strive to attain.

Narrating one such incident, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“On one occasion the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) stated that people have now ventured far from the truth of Islam and that they have no idea what the truth of Islam is. True life in Islam requires a sort of death, in the form of hardship. But in the end, only he who attains this is truly alive. It is said in the sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) that man considers the desires and luxuries of this world as heaven even though they are, in reality, hell, whilst the righteous person endures difficulties in the path of God and this is heaven.”***

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad shone light on the topic of worship and the essentiality of its proper undertaking with the words of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) who states that worship should be coloured in the personal love of an individual for Allah the Almighty.



Quoting the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“I believe in heaven and hell and that they are a reality and that their punishments, blessings and pleasures are all true. But I say that man should not perform the worship of God on the basis of heaven or hell. Rather, he should do so because of his personal connection and love with Allah...”***

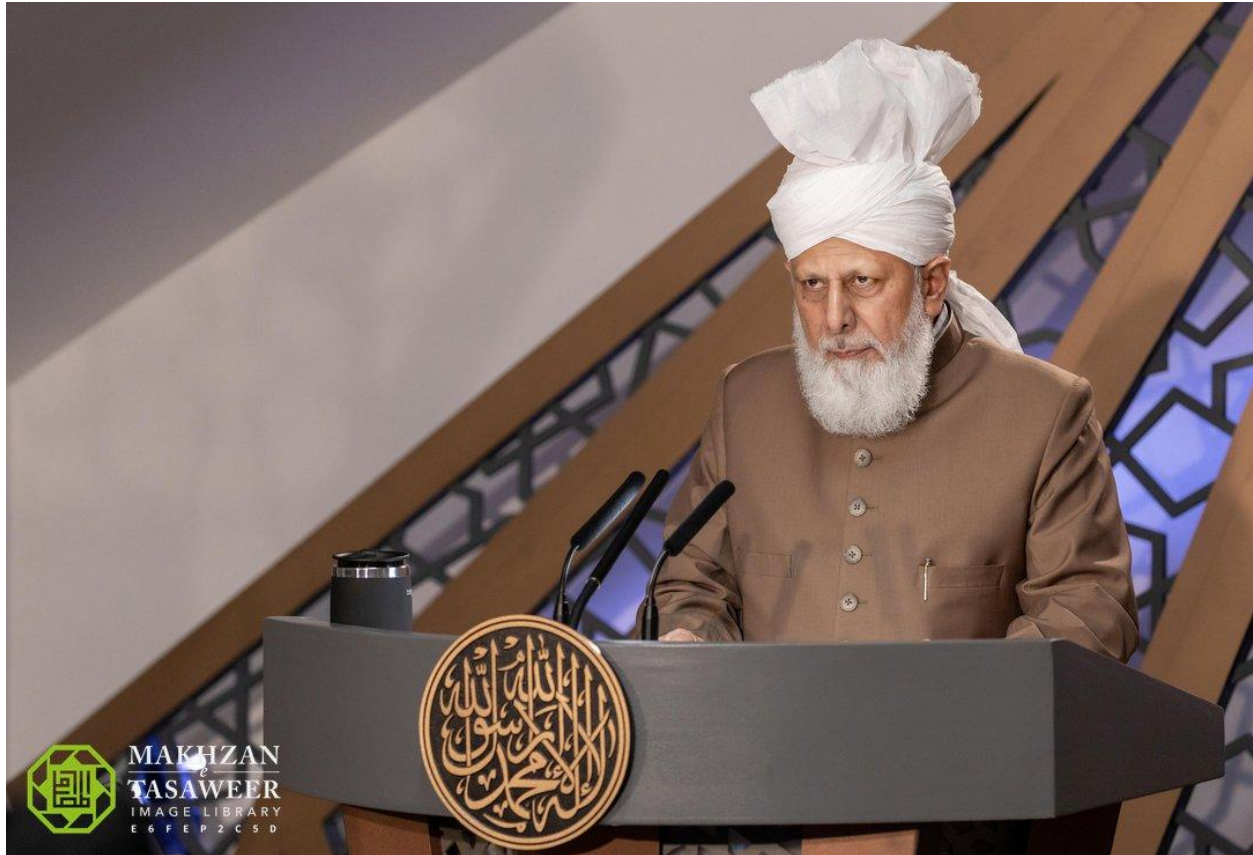
Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

***“Does a mother care for her child in the hope that when the child grows older, he will feed her? No! Rather her love is pure. To such an extent that if a king was to instruct her, that if you neglect this child and it dies you shall not be punished in any way, rather will be given a reward, would she be happy with this command or would she rebuke the king? This is pure love, and it is in this spirit that one should worship Allah the Almighty, not out of a desire of any reward or fear of punishment.”***

Highlighting the importance of practicing what one preaches, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“A name itself is of little value. If you are Muslim only by name or are Ansarullah only by name – it means nothing, until and unless your words and your actions are not one and the same.”***

His Holiness also reminded the members of Ansarullah to study the Holy Quran to ascertain the commandments and prohibitions set out by Allah the Almighty.



His Holiness explained the importance of unifying one's words and actions and the importance of one's own example when exhorting others in light of *verse 4, chapter 103* of the Holy Quran: *'Exhort one another to preach truth and exhort one another to be steadfast'*.

Narrating a story told by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in this regard, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“A person having stayed in the company of a Maulvi (religious cleric) and hearing his exhortations of piety and spirituality had become convinced to convert to Islam. One day the person who was due to convert came across that same cleric drinking alcohol and his heart became hardened, and he stopped. He said that this cleric tells me good and pious things and tells me about the detriment of alcohol yet he himself is sitting here drinking alcohol and so he thought to himself one should stay away from such a religion.”***

Speaking of how best to propagate Islam's teachings, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

***“One should not just convey the message of Islam with their words, rather they should do so with their actions. They should convince others with their personal examples, by remaining steadfast and guiding others with patience. One should not become frustrated in the face of opposition. So, these two principles must always be kept in mind when conveying Islam's teachings: to create unity in one's actions and teachings, and secondly to act with patience, consistency and self-control.”***

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad reminded members of Majlis Ansarullah about the importance of spreading the message of Islam and of availing the opportunities and freedoms given by the law in this country to do so, especially considering the restrictions faced by Ahmadi Muslims in certain other countries of the world.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“Here, there are many opportunities to convey the message of Islam freely. If, in some other countries, there are obstacles in our way and the law and governments hinder us, then why should we not take advantage in those nations where we are free to do so?”***

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

***“Thus, those people who are living freely in these countries who have the opportunity to peacefully spread Islam should strive to do so to an even greater extent than before and prove by their own actions that Islam is that true religion that can bring the world to the right path and that can deliver it to salvation.”***

Towards the end of the address, His Holiness reiterated the need for Ahmadi Muslims to fervently engage in prayer, and to understand that the essence of life itself is mindful and heart felt prayer to Allah the Almighty where one prays as if he is seeing God, or at least as if God is seeing him.



At the end of his address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad announced the inauguration of the new MTA International TV Studios in Islamabad, Tilford from where the address was delivered. His Holiness prayed that it be a source of blessings and propagating the true message of Islam to the world.



The Ijtema concluded with a silent prayer led by His Holiness.

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