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Ansar Amila Members from Australia have Honour of a Virtual **Meeting with Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community**

On 7 May 2023, the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad held a virtual meeting with National Amila Members of Majlis Ansarullah (Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Auxiliary) from Australia.

His Holiness presided the meeting from MTA Studios in Islamabad, Tilford, whilst the Amila members joined the meeting virtually from the Khilafat Hall of Baitul Huda Mosque in Sydney.

After a silent prayer, His Holiness spoke to all attendees.



Speaking to the Naib Sadr Saf-e-Doem, responsible for Ansar aged between 40 and 55, His Holiness encouraged that the Ansar should use cycling as a method of staying fit and healthy and also as a way to show people the true peaceful message of Islam.

His Holiness gave example of how recently Ansar cyclists from the UK travelled to Spain where they were able to travel distances of almost 200 kilometres on their bikes. His Holiness mentioned how they also collaborated with local cycling groups and thus were able to deliver the message of Islam to the locals too.

Encouraging the Ansar in Australia to also do similar activities, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"You should make contact with your local cycling clubs and collaborate with them to run events. This way you will be able to raise more funds for charity and you will also be able to deliver them the message of the peaceful teachings of Islam. You can distribute literature and even wear shirts promoting Islam's message about 'love for all' and about living with people in harmony and you can even campaign against the dangers of a Third World War. As a result of working with local cycling groups, your network with people will expand and you will be able to gain better exposure and non-Muslims will be able to contribute towards your charitable endeavours."

His Holiness also instructed the Qaid Tarbiyyat, responsible for moral training of the Ansar, to ensure that the Ansar are regularly encouraged about the importance of prayer.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"You can prepare short messages based on religious excerpts and share them with people or you can print them and hand them out in order to draw their attention towards the importance of worship. Upon becoming Ansar, people should be particularly mindful towards their prayers. After this age, the life of the Hereafter beckons. Therefore, constantly remind them that they should observe their prayers and develop a bond with Allah. Similarly, bring their attention towards the recitation of the Holy Quran and towards advancing their religious knowledge. Only when they increase in their knowledge will they be able to bring about a reformation within themselves. Also try and encourage them to listen to my Friday Sermons."

Whilst speaking to the Qaid Tabligh, responsible for outreach initiatives to deliver the peaceful message of Islam to people, His Holiness encouraged that the Amila members should lead by example in order to convey Islam's teachings to the people of Australia and said that if older people are not able to do much else, they can at least distribute flyers in their areas on the weekends when they have time.

His Holiness said that very few people in Australia know of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and so some of them oppose Ahmadi Muslims and their Mosques because they are unaware of the true peaceful teachings of Islam that Ahmadi Muslims adhere to.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"All the auxiliary organisations will have to work together in order to create awareness about the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. People should know that Ahmadi Muslims are peace-loving and always promote peace and love between all people. Once you have given people a basic introduction, only then can you move on to the next stage of explaining how Islam is the true religion and whether the Promised Messiah has arrived or not. These bigger issues can only be discussed once you are able to introduce yourselves."

His Holiness also said that Majlis Ansarullah should not be content with holding small routine events, rather they should aim to introduce hundreds of people to the teachings of Islam every week.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"You must carry out the ground-work so that people know you. Fifty to sixty percent of the population of Australia should know of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. You can achieve this by utilising the media and by printing and distributing literature and pamphlets. Explore new ways, rather than following the same old methods... The world cannot be informed of the peaceful message of Islam by meagre efforts. Rather, you will have to strive very hard for this. Members of Ansarullah are more mature and so they should work with better planning. You should make such programmes and initiatives which have never been done before."

His Holiness also advised the Qaid lesar, responsible for serving humanity, that they should plant trees for the protention of the environment and ensure that this too is a means of conveying the peaceful message of Islam.

During the meeting, His Holiness also advised that the Amila members should take part in Waqf-e-Ardhi, where they dedicate some days solely for serving the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. His Holiness said it would be a "great achievement" if all the Amila members took part in this initiative and that it would also result in other people taking part in this scheme too.

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