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## Current World Situation

Summary of Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 Friday Sermon by Huzur

Hassan Khan

The situation today in the whole world is chaotic. Some countries are dealing with internal disorder, others are fighting terrorists who are out to harm innocent people, and still others are hit by natural disasters. Only Ahmadis ever ponder over this global phenomenon and realize that all this is related. This is because of a revolutionary change brought by the Promised Messiah who was sent to strengthen faith in God and encourage compassion towards humanity. Ahmadis need to explain to the world the reasons behind these calamities by writing in newspapers. They should bring the world's attention to the fact that 100 years ago a person declared that if his divine message was ignored, God



**Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Masih V**

will exhibit natural disasters as a sign of displeasure.

Bangladesh has recently seen a huge cyclone. Even though Ahmadis have been harassed to a great degree in Bangladesh, our community will go to help as we were created to show compassion to all humanity. Our response will be exactly the same as was in Pakistan after the earthquake.

Currently in Pakistan, disorder is rife. In 1974 Ahmadis were accused of running a parallel rebel government in Rabwah. Today Pakistan is dealing with a real rebellion in Swat. Politicians in Pakistan are inviting outsiders to help sort out Pakistan while at the same time claiming that they solved the 90 year old issue by declaring Ahmadis as Non-Muslims. However, no matter what, love for one's home land is part of faith, therefore, Ahmadis should continue to pray for Pakistan and help Pakistanis.

Regarding Afghanistan, anyone can see that the forewarning that the Promised Messiah gave to the land of Kabul has come true and it is clear that one who gave this admonition was none other than from Allah.

In Indonesia, there is another Anti-Ahmadiyya surge and some people are trying to create disorder to pave way for legislation against Ahmadis. Allah will shatter all their plans and our community will flourish because it is not a man-made community. However, we will still continue to serve humanity in Indonesia because our reward is with Allah alone.

# Waqfeen-e-Nau Evaluation Day

## Vardah Malik

Held at the local Ahmadiyya Muslim Community center, the Waqf-e-nau Evaluation Day took place on Sunday, November 11, as part of the national curriculum. The event's purpose was to bring together Waqfeen and their parents, to offer guidance about their future. This five hour event consisted of various workshops, touching on the important factors of being a Waqfeen.

The day started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Wasim Ahmad, followed by the opening address by President Sahib Mahbubal Alam Ali.

Taleem Secretary Wasim Ahmad presented the first workshop speaking on the responsibilities of Waqf children. He explained the purpose of this scheme, which was started by Khalifa Rabira in 1987, to

assist the Jamat in spreading its message and to help with the Tarbiyyat of incoming Ahmadis.

Vice president Irfan Chaudhry then held an open discussion of possible career choices for Waqfeen, starting by asking each Waqf-e-nau to present what their career choices were. Dr. Abid Haq provided insight in choosing medicine as a profession.

Waqf-e-nau secretary Nasir Malik opened the discussion with parents about the struggles of raising Waqf children in a western society. Parents were encouraged to share their views on this subject along with the solutions they had to offer.

The last workshop for the day was a casual Urdu class, where children were encouraged to learn Urdu so that they may be able to benefit directly from the books of Promised Messiah's.

With the grace of Allah, the program concluded successfully, with a silent prayer. ❖



# Wasiyyat

**Sarah Ahmad**

“Then I was shown a grave which was brighter than silver and all its clay appeared to be silver and it was said to me: This is your grave. I was shown a place which was named Bahishti Maqbarah, and it was conveyed to me that it contained the graves of such selected members of the community who are destined for heaven”(The Will) After seeing this vision shortly before his demise, the Promised Messiah (as) proposed that a graveyard be constructed just as such. The graveyard was to be an “abode for those who will go to heaven,” and so guidelines were set.

The conditions included financial contribution for the maintenance of the graveyard, donating a tenth of one’s property, and pursuing a righteous life. If one is unable to provide property or financial service, one may gain admission to the graveyard on the condition that one has lived a righteous life, and has been dedicated to the Jamaat. These conditions were compiled in 1905, into what is now known as Al-Wassiyat. What is collected from this scheme is given to the Jamaat to be spent for the propagation of Islam, to help orphans, the poor and new converts to Ahmadiyyat who are unable to support themselves.

In an open discussion about Wasiyyat in our Lajna meeting, the benefits mentioned included attaining nearness to Allah, gaining funeral arrangements, and opportunities to serve the Jamaat. The Holy Quran states, “never shall you attain to

righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well”(3:93). Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has encouraged the Jamaat to participate in Al-Wasiyyat and to increase the quality and quantity of worship and material sacrifice. In doing so, one is able to attain the many benefits, which includes Allah’s rewards in this life, and ultimately entails striving to be a better Muslim and winning Allah’s pleasure. “And, totally shedding all base desires of the self, choose for the sake of winning the pleasure of God that path compared to which no path can be narrower and straighter” (The Will).



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## **EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 07**

12/02 12:00 GENERAL MEETING

12/08 11:30 FOOD LIFELINE VOLUNTEER

12/09 01:00 INTERFAITH EVENT

12/16 12:00 AUXILARY MEETINGS

12/23 10:00 AAMILA MEETING

# Women's Tabligh Symposium on Human Rights

Sumrin Mir



This spiritual gathering focused on honoring our right to be human. Our mission was to explore together ideas and actions that support sustainable economics, freedom from oppression, and freedom of conscience. Our Women's Symposium took place on the 28th of October. This event was organized by our Tabligh secretary Sister Aisha Sial and hosted by Sister Maryam Tariq. The event started with the recitation of the Holy Quran.

The first guest speaker Dr. Theresa McCormick, a retired professor, long time UN member and a former Board member of the United Nations Association of Seattle, talked about human rights and the UN, providing statistics. Her main idea was that we as individuals have to make change. Only when the weaker stand for their rights can they change the whole system.

The second speaker Sara Ahmad talked about the

Islamic perspective of Human Rights. She beautifully presented the principles of kindness and justice Allah has bestowed on us. The third speaker Minaimah Karim focused on the African American Muslims in the US. How they had to face so many challenges. How their voices changed their future. One excellent thing she said sticks out in my mind, "If you let yourself be oppressed then you for sure are going to oppress others".

The last speaker Rosalinda Guillen spoke about the mistreatment the Hispanic community suffers in our country. She told about vigils being held at 1:00 second Saturday of each month at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma made by people taken into custody and charged with no crime. Her friend, Gena Mejia talked about how her family suffered hate crimes in Monroe, and how her son spent 6 months in the Northwest Detention Center. Maru Villapando described the discrimination in Lynnwood. Then Aline Sounder shared her story of coming from El Slavador and living in the U.S.A. for twenty years finding solutions by uniting with others.

Thirteen guests came to this successful event. The event ended with a question answer session and dinner. Thanks to all the sisters who volunteered for this event.

**Our next symposium will be held Inshallah on January 26, 2008 and the topic will be Monetary Systems . The following Symposium will be on Food Justice.**