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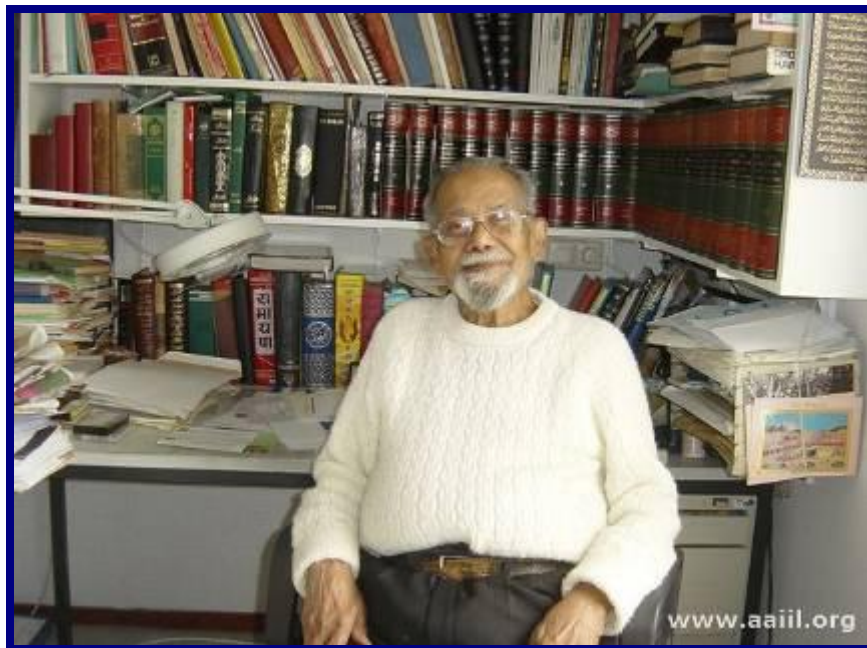
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Farewell, O Mighty Soldier

A tribute to the late

Al-Hajj Maulana Abdul Rahim Jaggoo



INTRODUCTION

The sad demise of one of our great stalwarts in the West is a tragic loss to our worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement and it will be hard for us to fill this void. Al-Hajj Maulana Abdul Rahim Jaggoe, who departed this world at the ripe old age of 92, had travelled extensively to our global *Jama'ats* to energise our members and was, particularly, a frequent visitor to our Indonesia *Jama'at*. He was a member to reckon with in his homeland the Netherlands, and he was also the recipient of numerous decorations bestowed on him by the Dutch Royalty. Our dear brother will surely be missed by all. May Allah (*swt*) in His bountiful mercy and with His graceful blessings rest his soul in peace and grant him an abode in the highest pedestal of Heaven, *Jannate-Firdouse*, which He has promised to righteous people. *Aameen*. May Allah (*swt*) also grant the surviving family members *sabr* and fortitude to bear the burden of this irreparable personal loss. *Aameen*.

Although we had corresponded with each other for many years, yet it was only in 1995, during the opening of the mosque in Utrecht and to celebrate his 80th birthday, that I met Maulana Jaggoe for the first time. What struck me most about him was his forceful manner of speechmaking and his vast knowledge of Islam and Ahmadiyyat, which he had acquired over the many years of enthusiastic, devoted and diligent studies. My second get-together with him was in 2001 when Br. A.S. Abdul Santoe, Europe's Regional Representative, had taken me to Utrecht for *Juma'ah* prayers. The late Maulana had delivered an inspiring *khutba* and later invited us to his home for lunch. At that time, I was thrilled to see some of the highest decorations bestowed on him by the Dutch Royalty. Thereafter, I maintained regular phone contact with him until the time he took residence in the hospice care facility.

This Editor and the members of *The HOPE Bulletin* Team are proud to present this tribute supplement to one of the most deserving stalwarts of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement, the late Maulana Abdul Rahim Jaggoe. May Allah have mercy on his soul and grant him an abode in the highest place in Heaven, which He promised to all righteous persons. *Aameen*.

We are pleased to reproduce three web links from Central Anjuman's official website, aaiil.org, which provide a biographical sketch and other valuable information on the mission and accomplishments of the late Al-Hajj Maulana Abdul Rahim Jaggoe:

<http://aaiil.org/text/biog/biog/abdurrahimjaggoe1.shtml>

<http://aaiil.org/text/news/newsbr/jaggoeknighted.shtml>

<http://aaiil.org/text/pic/ind/jaggoe/20050313/index.shtml>

We are grateful to the Webmaster, aaiil.org for providing us with this material.

We are also indebted to Brothers Glenn Muradin and Walid Sahebali of the Netherlands and Sister Mary and Dr. Khaliel Ghafoerkhan of Suriname for providing us with photographs taken during the funeral of our beloved *marhoom*, and to all the other contributors, without whom this supplement would not have been possible. May Allah bless you all. *Ameen*.

CONDOLENCES FROM HAZRAT AMEER

On behalf of the Central *Jama'at*, Begum Sahiba and himself, Hazrat Ameer phoned Br. A.S. Abdul Santoe, Central Anjuman's Representative, European Region, with great remorse and a sad heart to convey to the bereaved family and the Netherlands *Jama'at* their deepest sympathy and condolence on the sad and demise of our dear brother, the late Al-Hajj Maulana Jaggoe. He stressed that this has been a great loss to our worldwide *Jama'at* and the sadness of Maulana Jaggoe's departure from this world will be felt by us for a long time to come.

Hazrat Ameer, during his conversation with Br. Santoe, reminisced on the many occasions he had met the late *Maulana*. He recalls that Maulana Jaggoe frequently visited him while he and the Begum Sahiba were in London, England. With his vigour and straightforwardness he inspired and energised the *Jama'at* in the United Kingdom whenever he visited the London mission. He loved Ahmadiyyat tremendously and wherever he went he vigorously promoted all the good things found in our Movement.

The Central *Jama'at*, Begum Sahiba and Hazrat Ameer are also very grateful about Maulana Jaggoe's memorable visit to Lahore. He held the Central *Jama'at* at the utmost and gave the reverence and respect due to it. He always held in high esteem all the *buzurgs* that surpassed us. His visits to the Centre are full of fond memories with lasting inspiration amongst our young and old members alike.

Maulana Jaggoe did well to energise the *Jama'ats* in Holland. He was a great model for our youth and young followers of our *Jama'at* worldwide. Twice on visits to Holland Hazrat Ameer had the opportunity to visit him amidst his children. Despite his old age and illness, Maulana Jaggoe had not lost his spiritual vigour and sense of humour in any way. Hazrat Ameer and Begum Sahiba were looking forward to meeting the late *Maulana* again during their visit to Holland, but Allah (*swt*) had other designs.

May Allah through His bountiful mercy and through His countless blessings grant the soul of Maulana Jaggoe an abode in the highest place in *Jannate-Firdouse*. *Aameen*.

Hazrat Ameer led the *salat-e-janaza ghaibana* for the dearly departed soul of the late Al-Hajj Maulana Jaggoe at the Darus Salam's Central Mosque in Lahore.

HAZRAT AMEER'S VISIT WITH MAULANA JAGGOE IN UTRECHT IN 2006



Maulana Jaggoe meets Hazrat Ameer



and shares some happy words



Zafar Abdullah and members of Maulana Jaggoe's family with Maulana Jaggoe and Hazrat Ameer



AUSTRALIA

Shaukat A. Ali, Regional Director, Pacific Region

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatuh.

It is with a very heavy heart I write this message of sympathy and condolences on the passing away of our stalwart and international roving *muballigh*, Maulana Jaggoe sahib marhoom. *Inna lillahe wa Inna Ilaihi Rajioon.*

Maulana Jaggoe was a very learned person and commanded the respect of all whom he met. He had been a travelling *muballigh* for the *Jamaat* and had spent a lifetime of dedicated service in the propagation of Islam. He had been recognised as a leader of the Islamic community by the Government of Holland and had represented Islam in many conferences and interfaith gatherings.

I have known Maulana Jaggoe for over three decades and had met him several times in both Fiji and Holland. I had visited him at least half a dozen times in Holland over the last twenty years. I recall once, when returning from a visit to Maulana Jaggoe, an oncoming car swerved and hit the car we were travelling in and both my wife and my daughter required hospital treatment for minor injuries.

May Allah (*swt*) grant his soul eternal peace and abode in the highest pedestal of *Jannat ul Firdause*.
Aameen.

Please convey our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Maulana Jaggoe on behalf of my family and all the members of the *Jamaat* in the Asia and Pacific region. May Allah (*swt*) grant them strength and *sabr* in the time of great anguish. *Aameen.*

Sadarud Dean Sahu Khan, President, AAIL, Australia

Assalaam aleikum wa Rahmatullah wa barakatahu.

Indeed the *Maulana's* demise is a big loss to our Movement. Please convey my personal, and from the members of the Sydney Australia *Jama'at*, our sincerest condolences to the late *Maulana's* family and friends and also to the *Jama'at*.

May Allah Almighty grant him a place in paradise. Also, may Allah Almighty give the family patience and courage to bear their loss. *Aameen.*

Ameen Sahu Khan, Editor, *Bashshaar*, (former General Secretary, Fiji Anjuman)

I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing away of Maulana Jaggoe Sahib, a stalwart of the Ahmadiyya Lahore *Jamaat*. *Innalillahe Wa Inna Ilaihe Rajioon.*

It was in 1985 that I had the pleasure of meeting Maulana Sahib when he had travelled to Fiji to attend the Ahmadiyya International Convention there, and since then he been in my thoughts so often. I shall always cherish the memories I have of him. His contributions to Islam and to humanity will certainly be long remembered. May Allah *Subhanahu-Wa-Ta'ala* grant him the highest abode in Heaven and may He grant the bereaved family the courage to bear their irreparable loss.

Please convey my condolence and prayers to the family, and to the members of the Anjuman there.

Nur J Alam, Sydney

Please pass on our sincerest condolences to Maulana Jaggoe's family and also to the *jamaat*. May Allah grant him forgiveness and a place in paradise, and to those left behind, patience and courage to bear their loss. *Ameen.*

CANADA

M.Yaseen Sahu Khan, Vancouver, B.C.

I was terribly sorry to learn of the death of Maulana Abdul Rahim Jaggoe Sahib. *Inna Lillahe wa Inna Ilehi Rajeeon.* Surely we are Allah's and to Him we shall return (2:156).

He was a man of great importance, both in Suriname and the Netherlands, especially in the promotion and propagation of the noble religion of Islam and Ahmadiyyat, the God-ordained Movement in Islam. His activities in the above field, with enthusiasm and diligence, had earned him great respect and popularity in the Ahmadiyya world. He was in more ways than one inspirational to many and was in his own God-given personality, eloquence of speech, and friendly and jovial manner a person who could very easily draw great crowds to meetings and conventions and many other occasions.

May the Almighty Allah reward him for his great effort in doing good and grant him admittance in *Jannah* (Paradise). *Aameen.*

“*Kullo nafsin dai katul maut; thumma haina turjaoon*” (Every soul must taste of death; then to Us you will be returned) – (HQ: 29:57).

This is an undeniable fact. There is certainly no escape and no exception. We must, without the least hesitation, readily accept it.

"To every man upon this earth death cometh soon or late" (Sir William Shakespeare).

O men! Fear not death but the consequences of your deeds! They will most surely catch up with you on the Day of Resurrection.

My very sincere and heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the surviving members of his family for the sad and irreparable personal loss.

FIJI ISLANDS

Mehboob Raza, General Secretary, AAIIIL, Fiji

Inna Lilahi was Inna Ilahi Rajihoon.

The Fiji *Jammat* had the privilege of hosting Marhoom Maulana Jaggoe and his two students few years ago. (Indeed, they could not have had a better teacher!)

Our Ahmadees' natural inquisitive mind was further enriched with Maulana Sahib's par-excellent lectures, rendering of Quran *dars*, and discussions on Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

Marhoom Maulana Jaggoe Sahib leaves behind a legacy which one should always try to achieve. He was indeed an exemplary person who is better personified as "a man who has successfully taken a major role for the propagation of Islam," as per the Holy Quran, Chapter 3, verse 103.

Our prayers are with the bereaved family that they overcome this personal loss and we fervently pray that Allah *Subhan o Tallah* will grant Marhoom Jaggoe Sahib His highest abode in *Jannat ul Firdos*.

Jalal Ud Dean & family, Suva

Assalaamu'Alaikum Wr Wb.

My mother Mrs Jinnat Dean, my daughter Zakia Dean, and I are very sad after hearing about the passing away of Al Hajj Maulana Abdul Rahim Jaggoe Sahib. *Inna Lillaahi wa inna Ilahе rajеoon*. May Allah *Subhan-o-Tala* bless his soul and give him a very special abode in *Jannat-e-Firdous*. *Ameen*.

We knew that he was sick for some time.

Maulana Jaggoe was a well-travelled gentleman, not for the sake of travelling, but because he was most keen to visit other institutions of the AAII; and every day was a new axis point in his learning curve. He was known to be an institution of reference-work in the propagation of Islam.

Maulana Jaggoe came to Fiji – twice – and, in addition to imparting his wealth of knowledge to people in Fiji, he was also keenly making historic photographic recordings of persons in various places and he later used the photographs as one of many platforms to further propagate Islam.

He also had the flexibility of adjusting to other languages and used his linguistic skills to further his cause of propagating Islam.

It may well be said that Maulana Jaggoe was most successful in the achievement of all his milestones that he had planned for the good of Islam. His demise is a tremendous loss to Ahmadiyyat and to the Dutch communities, from the Royal family down to the commoners.

My family and I extend our most heartfelt sympathies to Maulana Jaggoe's survivors and request that this message is accepted as our personal condolences to the loss of a wonderful gentleman.

GERMANY

Manfred Yahya Backhausen

My dear brothers and sisters in our worldwide *Jamaat*, *Salam Alejkum*.

From *The Hope* I'd read of the very sad demise of our late brother, Maulana Joggoe. I'd not had the chance to meet him in the Netherlands, but had always hoped to see him there.

Searching for the book *The Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement in Europe* I'd found that our dear late *Maulana* had done so many works for our *Jamaat* in the Netherlands. It was a great honour to me to have the chance to read any publications from him. At least Br. Abdul Santoe had told me about the work of our dear brother in Holland.

Let us pray to Allah to thank him for such a long life of our dear brother. All our ways are back to Allah. My feelings are at the moment with his family and our dear brethren in the Netherlands.

GUYANA

Mansoor Baksh, Religious Head, Essequibo Ahmadiyya Organisation Lahore

The sad news of Moulana Jaggoe's death has reached us. *Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon*.

He was a soldier of Islam and he was one of the first missionaries to visit our shores. Our elders speak of his visits to Guyana – especially to Wakenaam during the 70's. His zeal for the propagation of Islam is well known. In the early days of the Anjuman he made a tremendous impact on the lives of Ahmadees and the Anjuman here. His death has certainly refreshed all the memories of his great personality. May Allah bless him with forgiveness and grant him goodly companions in *Jannat*.

HOLLAND



From left to right: Hafiz Sher Muhammad, Abdul Santoe, Imam Alibaks Marhoom and Maulana Jaggoe some 30 years ago while pioneering in Rotterdam

INDONESIA

Prof F. Ahmadi, President AAIIIL, Indonesia

Assalamu alaikum wr. wb.

I and my family knew Maulana Jaggoe many years ago when he visited Indonesia and stayed in our house for a couple of days. During his stay in our house, most of his discussions were something related to Ahmadiyya.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rojiuun.

Please accept our sympathy over the passing away of Maulana Jaggoe. I and my family hope and pray to Allah that Allah may accept his good deeds, forgive his sin, and enter him into Paradise and give protection to his family.

NEW ZEALAND

Abid Raza, President AAIIIL, New Zealand

Please pass my heartfelt sympathy to the family of Marhoom Maulana Jaggoe Sahib who quietly passed away to meet his Maker. *Inna wa Inna Lillahe Rajeoon.* May Allah *Subhantalla* exalt him to a high place in *Janatal Firdoss* and give strength and *sabr* to the bereaved family to bear the loss.

He will always be remembered for his unselfish, humble and polite nature reflecting the true scholar and a gentleman that he was.

He had this admirably uncanny ability to win the hearts of people of all ages and was very down-to-earth with the children. He was truly a legion to be respected /remembered /appreciated and I had the honour, privilege and good fortune to have met him during his tour of New Zealand.

PAKISTAN

Hazrat Ameer's message before departing Lahore for Holland

Dr. Abdul Karim Pasha Sahib again expressed his remorse and sadness at the absence of the late Maulana Jaggoe whom he was longing to meet again. However, Hazrat Ameer and the *Begum Sahiba* will visit the family to convey their love, sympathy and heartfelt condolence to the bereaved children and surviving relatives of the late *Maulana*. In the words of Hazrat Ameer on the sad demise of our dear brother, Maulana Jaggoe: "We have lost a very devoted member of our *Jama'at*. I pray for his departed soul and am sure it will find a most blissful place in the life hereafter. His devotion to the cause will always be a source of advancement of our *Jama'at* and a source of inspiration to his family." *Aameen.*

Mian Umar Fraooq, Senior Vice-President, Central Anjuman

Kindly convey my regards/condolence to the bereaved family and I pray for the deceased Maulana Jaggoe that his soul may rest in peace.

POLAND

Peter Sakowicz

We would like to send our condolences to all those concerned with the death of our dear brother.

SOUTH AFRICA

Scheega and Ebrahim Mohamed

Inna Lillaalahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raadji un.

On behalf our *Jamaat* in South Africa we would like to send our sincere condolences to the bereaved family. We have very fond memories of the late Maulana Jaggoe Sahib's visit to South Africa in the late 1970/80. His inspiration and encouragement to our *Jamaat* after the demise of Mr. D Sydow will always be remembered.

May Allah Almighty grant him a high place in *Jannate-Firdouse. Ameen.*

SURINAME

Dr. Khaliel Ghafoerkhan & family

Inna-Lillahe-Wa- Inna-Ilaihi-Rajiun.

The message of the sad demise of our highly respected Maulana Jaggoe has, although we expected it, affected us very much. He had a good personality, was very attractive, charming, and an eloquent speaker.

Three years ago, when he visited us here in Suriname, he said: "I came especially here to see you all and to say goodbye."

I was told that upon his arrival here the first person he asked about was me. "How is it with Dr Ghafoerkhan?"

During their lifetime, Maulana Jaggoe was also very close to my father, Fatehkhan Ghafoerkhan, my father-in-law, Ashruf Karamat Ali, and my uncle (*mamoo*), Yacoeb Mohamed Ajoeb. He was liked and respected by all.

Some years ago he was also in Suriname on the invitation of the SIV to give courses in the subjects "*Rahman and Rahim*" and other topics. He did it very well, by heart, without any notes! So, even in his old age he was very bright.

We attended all his courses and spent many happy hours with him at our home. We missed him when he left Suriname for Holland and now we all are going to miss him.

He was really a symbol of AAI-Lahore and of SIV.

May Allah accept all his efforts in the way of Allah and on the path of his *Anjuman* and reward him with a beautiful place in His *Jannat-ul-Firdaus*. *Ameen*.

Our condolences to the bereaved family of Maulana. May Allah give them strength for the coming days. *Ameen*

Allah-Hafiz!

S. Ilaahibaks-Wazir, President, Women's Commission, SIV

Assalaam o alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa barakatahu.

We all know that one day we have to return to the Almighty Allah. In the Holy Quran we read, *Inna lillahe wa Inna Ilaihi Rajioon*.

Every soul has a duty on earth to "serve Allah" and our late Maulana Jaggoe tried his utmost to fulfil his duty. He was very much loved and respected in Suriname and abroad. From him, we have learned a lot about our *Deen*, Islam. The departure of such a person is indeed a big loss for the *Jamaat*, but we have to bow our heads to Allah's will because He knows what is best for us.

Please convey my personal, and from the members of the Women's Commission of the S.I.V., our sincerest condolences to the late *Maulana's* family and friends and also to the Ahmadiyya *Jamaat* all over the world. May Allah Almighty grant him a place in paradise and may Allah Almighty give the family patience and courage to bear their loss. *Ameen*.

UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Zahid Aziz, Editor, *The Light*, UK Edition

Inna li-llahi wa inna ilai-hi rajioon!

I am attaching a historic photo showing Jaggoe sahib with some of our elders in Lahore in 1951.

He is standing in the 2nd row, and is the 2nd from right, between Maulana S.M. Tufail and Maulana Abdul Haq Vidyarthi.

The full list of those in the photo is as follows:



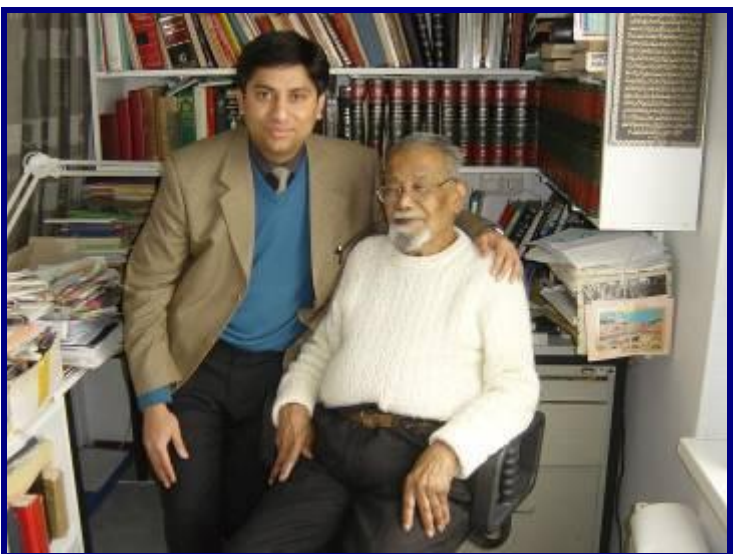
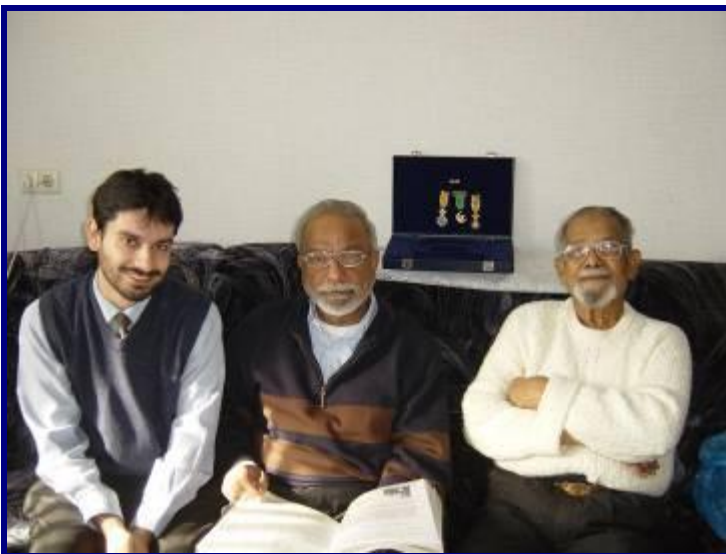
From left to right:

Front row, seated: Major Abdullah Battersby, Maulana Sadr-ud-Din, Mr. Haroon Nahaboo (Mauritius), Maulana Muhammad Ali, Mourad Kiouane (Algiers), Mr. Ibrahim Quraishi (Thailand), Sayyid Asadullah Shah.

2nd row, standing: Mumtaz Ahmad Faruqi, Mian Saeed Ahmad, Maulana Yaqub Khan, Ibrahim Blangket (Borneo), Maulana Aftab-ud-Din Ahmad, Masum Chang (China), Maulana Abdul Haq Vidyarthi, Abdur Rahim Jaggoe, Shaikh M. Tufail.

The occasion for this photo is that a World Muslim Conference was held in Karachi in February 1951. After participating in the conference many delegates came to Lahore, and for nearly one week they kept on calling at Maulana Muhammad Ali's residence to meet him. The photo shows some of the visitors, and the caption has their names with their countries in brackets.

Photographs courtesy aaiil.org





Medals awarded to Maulana Jaggoe

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Zafar Abdullah, President AAHL, Hayward, California

As a young man I had the pleasure of meeting Maulana Jaggoe at the annual convention of the Lahore Ahmaddiyya Movement in December of 1969.

Maulana Jaggoe gave an electrifying speech and enlightened the audience about his missionary work and incredible travels around the world. Nearly 30 years ago Maulana Jaggoe came to the United States to visit my father, Maulana Muhammad Abdullah. At the time, I lived in an adjacent flat to my father's residence with my wife and my young daughter. He was travelling with a gentleman from Holland and A.S. Santoe's father, the *Jamaat* co-coordinator for European countries, at the time. Maulana Jaggoe and his party to stayed at my home with me and my family.

During his short stay he enlightened us with tales of his missionary work in Holland and abroad. He was an inspiring figure who held strong passions about Islam and the importance of the movement. He made an unforgettable impression on me as a young man.

After fifteen years he was travelling around the pacific in Fiji, Indonesia and Australia. During this trip I received a call from him informing me that he was coming to California with two companions. I asked him to come and stay with my family. I arranged for a meeting with the California *Jamaat* members. Maulana Jaggoe gave a detailed analysis of his travels to the *Jamaats* in Indonesia, Fiji, Australia and Holland. He outlined the multiple branches of mosques in Indonesia and construction of grammar and technical schools for children and young adults. He also outlined the work of the *Jamaats* in Fiji and Australia.

After this inspirational visit, my wife and I kept in touch with Maulana Jaggoe. My family and I visited Holland several times and always made an effort to visit Maulana Jaggoe.

On one occasion I was in Holland with my brother J.M. Akbar for the opening of the Utrecht *Jamaat*. We stayed for a three-day international conference. Maulana Jaggoe was instrumental in securing the building for the mosque and helped to raise funds to remodel the building. At the end of the conference we were invited to his eightieth birthday dinner. Hundreds of people attended. Many gave speeches which highlighted a lifetime of achievements. Maulana Jaggoe not only lived a productive life, but provided an incredible service to humanity.

The following year, Hazrat Ameer Saeed Ahmad Khan, A.S. Santoe and I went to visit Maulana Jaggoe at his retirement home. He was there with his daughter and his son-in-law. As usual, he made many jokes. Hazrat Ameer prayed for his good health. Maulana Jaggoe lamented over the loss of his wife a year prior, which had left a void in his heart. We stayed with him for over an hour and left him to rest.

The world lost a great man the day Maulana Jaggoe passed away. He was a teacher, missionary, philanthropist, leader, *Imam*, world traveller and advisor. He was also a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. We will miss him dearly. May Allah grant him peace in *Janaat*.

Captain Abdus Salam Khan, Los Angeles, California, USA

In memoriam

You were a beacon of
 Light and inspiration
Of love, kindness
 And steadfast devotion.
You helped diffuse Islam's *Noor*
 In the West,
For sixty years you pressed on
 Ceaselessly, taking no rest.
Whilst they'll bury your weary bones
 On the twelfth of May
By way of a eulogy
 Let me say:
You did your bit, really well,
 Now rest well, friend.
Only Allah endures,
 The rest must end.
Au Revoir and *Adieu*
 We are all surely going
To miss you,
 Dear Maulana Abdur Rahim Jaggoe.

Ahmad Nawaz & family, Hayward, California

We are very sad to know about the passing away of Al Hajj Maulana Abdul Rahim Jaggoe Sahib. *Inna Lillaahi wa Inna Ilahe Jajeoon*. May Allah Bless his soul and give him a special abode in *Jannat-e-Firdous*. *Ameen*.

Please convey our heartfelt condolences and deep sympathy to the family at this very difficult time of sorrow.

FINAL RITES

A.S. Abdul Santoe, Europe Regional Representative

Internment of Maulana Jaggoe Sahib

It was a solemn but moving burial ceremony on Saturday 19th of May 2007. Despite the stormy and rainy weather, hundreds of people from all over the country first assembled in the hall of the AAIL Mosque in Utrecht where they could personally bid farewell to the deceased, after which, at about noon, the body of Maulana Sahib was transported to the Daelwijck Cemetery a few miles away in the same city.

In the cemetery hall, Mr. Adjiedj Jaggoe, one of the nine sons of Jaggoe Sahib, led the final service for his father. Firstly, Mrs. Toyah Raghoe-Jaggoe Sahiba, eldest daughter, spoke in fluent Urdu about her father's place in the family as well as in the community as a whole. Deeply saddened, but with utmost dignity, she expressed touching memories of her late father. Next, Mr. Shafiek Jaggoe, another son, took to the pulpit and also gave an emotional view of the deceased.

Finally, Mr. Nasir Ahmad, an old-time fraternal friend of Maulana Jaggoe Sahib dating back some 60 years when Maulana was studying at the Ahmadiyyah Centre in Lahore, spoke on life and death in a more Quranic religious sense and also brought out old memories from their mutual time spent in Pakistan.

It was still raining outside during the ceremonies in the cemetery hall, but when the time approached for *janaza* prayer to be performed outside and to be led by Mr. Nasir Ahmad, the clouds in the sky suddenly parted letting the rays of the spring sun through to the coffin which lay down on the ground facing the Ka'abah. After the *janaza*, the coffin was carried to the family lot and lowered into the same grave wherein Maulana's beloved wife was waiting now for some 18 months.

May the Almighty Allah (*swt*) grant both of them most blessed places in His *Jinnatul Firdaus*. *Ameen*.

When we drove back home with my family on the highway to Rotterdam, I saw the darkening clouds drawing back together.

Shafiqur Rahman Jaggoe

My late father as I saw him

In-naa lil-laahi wa in-naa ilaihi raji'oon. Surely we are from Allah and to Him is our eventual return.

Assalamo 'alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakatuh. May peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be on all of you.

My dear respected elders, brothers, sisters and friends, I am thankful to my family for giving me the opportunity to say something to you about my late father. I would also like to thank you all for your sympathy and support to our family at this time of sorrow and bereavement. Today I will talk about how we, brothers and sisters, have known our father.

We have known our father more like an *Imam* than as a father, as he devoted much of his time and attention towards the service of Islam.

In Suriname, we saw our father leaving home early in the morning to go to his shop, coming home for supper, and then again going out to do some discussion or teaching work. He came home late in the night when we were sleeping.

Whenever occasionally we went to the shop, we saw him not only doing his business, but also busy in some religious discussion. Or, he had gone on some appointment to deliver *dars-i Qur'an* at somebody's house or to attend a late evening meeting of the Islamic Association. Sunday was the only day he spent some time with us, if he did not have to go out for some religious work.

In Holland, it was a little different. He did not have to look after any business and it was easy for him to organise his work in a planned manner.

Ladies and gentlemen, this, however, does not mean that he had no time for us or he did not look after our comfort or education. I am really amazed how he managed to discharge family responsibilities and still devote much of his time for the service of Islam.

By the grace of Allah and due to the utmost devotion of our affectionate mother and great pains which our late father took we were brought up very well. We were taught and trained in the best possible way and were encouraged to work hard to obtain a good education for a better future in life.

My late father, as you can imagine, had multifarious responsibilities. In the first place, his responsibility as a father and then as an elder of the family was always uppermost in his mind. Members of the family always came to him for advice and support. In addition, religious and social responsibilities towards the Ahmadiyya community, and several government and non-government organisations occupied much of his time.

My father was a man of strong conviction, firm determination, unusual resilience. He had great stamina to accomplish any work assigned to him. This shows he was imbued with many qualities of head and heart. The most conspicuous characteristic of his personality which endeared him to young and old was his love and affection. In his private discussions and public speeches he spoke with command and confidence. Besides this, he was a very sociable person, who listened to others' point of view patiently and tried to explain to them his views with cogent arguments in a very congenial and persuasive manner. In short, he was an honest, sincere and compassionate person who was also always optimistic.

As he travelled a lot in connection with his propagation work, he had developed worldwide contacts. When we came of age we saw him going abroad almost every year. We specially remember the time when he organised *Hajj* groups because in those days several farewell and welcome parties were held and we enjoyed the festivities attached to those occasions.

Ladies and gentlemen, my late father lived like a true Muslim. He practised tolerance and entertained exceptional attitude towards all, irrespective of colour, creed or religion. Thus he tried to demonstrate true the Islamic spirit of tolerance and good behaviour towards Muslims as well as with people belonging to other faiths.

He spent sixty years of his life in serving the cause of Islam and the objectives of the Ahmadiyya Movement and organised the Ahmadiyya community both in Suriname and Holland not only to support the propagation work but also to educate them to live the life of a true Muslim.

During the last days of his life, when he and our mother were not enjoying good health, we advised him to curtail his religious and social activities. But his passion for the work and service to his fellow beings went unabated. Though his failing health did not allow him to respond to the call of invitations, yet people would visit him at home and hold discussions and seek his advice on various religious issues, and our dear mother, with shaking hands and legs, would still entertain the visitors.

Once, in the middle of the winter season, he was leaving home with a high fever to teach religious lessons, and when we tried to stop him, he said: “When I am going to do the work of Allah, I don’t care what will happen to me, even if there is risk to my life. It is Allah Who looks after me.” So he left home and luckily nothing happened to him and he came back safely.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are really proud of our devoted mother and greatly appreciated her invaluable support which she extended to our father in his extremely strenuous work. She always welcomed visitors with a smile and was extremely hospitable. And it will not be an exaggeration to say that with her support and devotion our late father was able to accomplish so much within his limited means. The biography of my late father, compiled by our learned brother Rashidur Rahman Jaggoe, gives a glimpse of how extensive was the area of our late father’s activities which he ventured to do on his own.

Ladies and gentlemen, we all believe that there is a life after death and the Holy Qur’an has explained it by giving various examples. Life does not end with death but it continues in another world though the nature of that other life is spiritual and not physical. The state of paradise or hell evolves out of one’s good or evil deeds. According to the Holy Qur’an, the punishment of the hell is not for ever. It is a remedial state which comes to an end after due punishment is endured by the sinner.

Paradise is not a place to enjoy exotic pleasures as it is generally visualised from the metaphorical description given in the Holy Qur’an and the sayings of the Holy Prophet (*saw*). Things of the spiritual world can only be explained in metaphor. The description of Paradise in the Holy Qur’an as a garden with rivers flowing in it is clearly stated to be a parable or likeness, not an actuality in terms of this life: “A parable of the garden which is promised to those who keep their duty: therein flow rivers; its fruits are perpetual and its plenty” (13:35). An explanation of these words was given by the Holy Prophet (*saw*) himself when he said: “Allah says I have prepared for My righteous servants what no eye has seen and no ear has heard, and what the mind of man has not conceived” (*Bukhari*, 59:8).

Ladies and gentlemen, we thank Allah for everything our father taught us by way of his caring affection, words and deeds, and the zeal he displayed in serving the cause of Islam and people. His devotion to promote the objectives of the Ahmadiyya Movement and in particular his efforts to bring harmony and integration among people of different faiths are commendable and a source of inspiration for us. I take this opportunity to thank all the people who have shared our grief and sorrow and paid tributes to our late father in various condolence meetings held since his death. May Allah enable us to follow in his footsteps to earn the blessings of Allah.

Ameen.

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In memory of the late Maulana Abdur Rahim Jaggoe

From the Holy Qur’an

“Wherever you are, death will overtake you, though you are in towers raised high” (4:78).

“We have ordained death among you” (56:60).

“Say: The death from you flee, that will surely overcome you; then you will be sent back to the Knower of the Unseen and the seen, so He will inform you of that you did” (62:8).

“And spend out of that which We have given you before death comes to one of you, and he says: My Lord, why didst Thou not respite me in a near term, so that I should have given alms and been of the doers of good deeds? But Allah respites not a soul, when its term comes. And Allah is Aware of what you do” (63:11).

“Blessed is He in Whose hand is the kingdom, and He is Possessor of power all things, Who created death and life that He might try you – which of you is best in deeds. And He is the Mighty, the Forgiving” (67:2, 4).

“Everyone on this earth passes away –and there endures for ever the person of thy Lord of glory and honour” (55:26, 27).

“Surely good deeds take away evil deeds. This is a reminder for the mindful” (11:114)

“And those who are steadfast seeking the pleasure of their Lord, and keep up prayer and spend of that which We have given them, secretly and openly, and repel evil with good; for such is the happy abode – Gardens of perpetuity, which they will enter along with those who do good from among their fathers and their spouses and their offspring; and the angels will enter in upon them from every gate” (13:22, 23).

“And what is with you passes away and what is with Allah is enduring. And We shall certainly give to those who are patient their reward for the best of what they did. And Whoever does good, whether male or female, and is a believer, We shall certainly give them reward for the best of what they did” (16:96, 97).

“Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of this world; but the ever-abiding, the good works, are better with thy Lord in reward and better in hope” (18:46)

“As for that which does good to men, it tarries in the earth” (13:17).

From the Bible

“What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?” (Psalms 89:48).

“For dust you are, and to dust you shall return (Gen. 3:19).

“All go to one place; all are of the dust. And all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth. Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for this is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?” (Ecclesiastes 3:20-22).

“The truly righteous man attains life, but he who pursues evil goes to his death” (Proverbs, 11:19).

“For dust we are, and to dust you shall return” (Gen. 3:19).

The verses from the Holy Qur’an and the Holy Bible are self explanatory. They remind us that man lives for a limited time on this earth and when he dies his body of flesh goes into the earth and his soul goes back to the Creator and on the Day of Judgement he shall account for his good or evil deeds.

For now I would like to comment on only verse 2 of Chapter 67 of the Holy Qur'an which I recited at the beginning. Its translation is: "It is Allah Who created death and life so that He might try you – which of you is best in deeds."

We observe that the natural process is that life comes into existence through birth and eventually it comes to an end through death. But in this verse death is mentioned first and then life. In my humble opinion, by bringing death first and then life, the Divine wisdom seems to be to emphasise that death is the ultimate end of a human life and it is in this case that the helplessness of man and the All-powerfulness of Almighty Allah is undoubtedly unchallengeable. In the case of birth, the human element, like the inter-mingling of husband and wife and at times the doctor's assistance in case of complications, play a great part. Man usually forgets Allah's benevolent hand working in the whole process of the birth and development of the child. That is why Allah reminds a believer in these words: "But when He gives them a good one (or a healthy child), they set up with Him associates in that which He has given them. High is He above what they associate with Him" (7:190)

So in the case of birth, the human element apparently is more evident than the hidden hand of Allah, but in the case of death, man's helplessness and Allah's final decree and His All-powerfulness are overwhelmingly indomitable. Man has no alternative but to confess and realise that all human efforts become helpless before the All-powerfulness of Allah. And Allah wishes to draw man's attention to this phenomenon of life.

Brothers and sisters, the fact is that these verses repeatedly bring to our attention that this life on earth is going to end one day, and after crossing the state of death man enters into the next phase of life. All the prophets of Allah, from Adam down to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on all of them) through divine revelation and their personal example and exhortations, tried to explain the true nature of life and death – that it is only through righteous deeds and charitable acts and love for one's fellow human beings that one can make the life on this earth peaceful and sublime and consequently earn pleasant and abiding rewards from Allah in the form of His mercy, forgiveness and blessings. Divine scriptures have given metaphorical depiction of these blessings in the form of beautiful gardens, flowing rivers, lovely companions and various other exotic scenes of Paradise.

Brothers and sisters, the law of life and death or growth and decay works throughout nature, but it has a special meaning in reference to man because death does not end his life but is really the starting point for a new life of spiritual progress. Life to him below is, therefore, a trial, that is, a means of bringing to light his hidden qualifications for the performance of good.

Again, reward or punishment for good or bad deeds gives an incentive to life and makes it purposeful, otherwise in the limited span of life some good works remain unrewarded for which, according to Allah's assurance, one will be recompensed in the hereafter.

From a Muslim's point of view, faith in a life after death is the last of the basic articles of faith in Islam. The word generally used in the Qur'an to indicate this life is *al-aakhirah*, which means that which comes after. Death, according to the Qur'an, is not the end of man's life; it only opens door to another, a higher form of life (56:60, 61). Just as from the small life-germ grows the man, and he does not lose his individuality for all the changes which he undergoes, so from this man is made the higher man, his state being changed, and he, himself, being made to grow into what he cannot conceive of at present.

The opening chapter of the Qur'an, entitled the *Fatihah*, which is the quintessence of the Book, is somewhat like the Lord's Prayer to Christians. It is actually the chapter which plays the greatest part in creating a true Muslim mentality, for Muslims must recite it in the five prayers, over thirty times daily. In this chapter, Allah is spoken of as the *Master of the Day of Requital*, and thus the idea that every deed must be requited is continually brought before the mind of the Muslim. This constant repetition of the idea of a requital of deeds

undoubtedly impresses on the mind the reality of a future life, when every deed shall find its full reward. The reason for attaching so much importance to a life after death is clear. The greater the faith in the good or bad consequences of a deed, the greater is the incentive which urges a man to, or restrains him from, that deed. Therefore this belief is both the greatest impetus towards good and noble actions, and the greatest restraint upon evil or irresponsible deeds.

Brothers and sisters, after this brief note about the concept of life after death in Islam, let me briefly pay my humble tributes to my very esteemed brother, a respected elder and one of the great servants of Islam, the late Maulana Abdur Rahim Jaggoe. My friendship and association with him started from the time he came to Lahore in 1950. It was winter time and it must have been quite hard time for a person coming from a tropical country like Suriname, especially when we did not have proper heating arrangements in Pakistan at that time. One day, in the morning at the *Fajr* prayer, everyone was amazed to see him in the cover-all dress of an air force pilot, which enabled him to be comfortable and bear the extreme cold. Not caring for nor complaining about the extreme cold of winter and the unbearable summer of Pakistan, Maulana Jaggoe put his heart and soul in his studies. In the summer, sitting on a bare chair with books on a table, he would spend hours studying the Qur'an, *Hadith* or other religious books or engrossed in compiling a Dutch-Urdu dictionary so that back home in Suriname he could teach people how to understand the meanings of the Urdu translation of the Qur'an and other literature.

During one summer, the late *Maulana* decided to perform *Hajj*. That year, the summer was so hot that hundreds of pilgrims died of heatstroke. The system of communication and media information in those days were not at all satisfactory. We were all extremely concerned about the *Maulana* as it was extremely difficult for him to bear such heat. But Allah granted this devotee of Islam such patience and strength that he performed the *Hajj* with exceptional devotion and enthusiasm and returned to Pakistan safely.

During almost two years of religious training, he was fortunate to obtain knowledge of the Qur'an, *Hadith* and literature of the Ahmadiyya Movement from great scholars like Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ali, Hazrat Maulana Abdul Haque Vidyarthi and Hazrat Maulana Abdur Rahman Misri. On his return to Suriname he rendered longstanding service to the cause of Islam not only in Suriname but also in Guyana and Trinidad, and infused the *Jama'ats* in these countries with new zeal and devotion. He organised and led more than eight *Hajj* groups to Saudi Arabia, which included women and old people. On all these trips his organisational abilities, patience, stamina and above all his spirit of care, affection and hospitality were enviable. In recognition of his unique service to Muslims and to the people of Suriname in general the Governments of Suriname, Saudi Arabia and lately Holland honoured him with the highest awards and testimonials of appreciation and commendations. These awards alone provide ample testimony to the selfless service and devotion to the cause of religion and the promoting of interfaith harmony among different communities in the Western hemisphere. A unique thing about him was that if he came to know of a single Ahmadi or a *Jama'at* or an Islamic centre anywhere in the world, Maulana Jaggoe made every effort to visit and thereby he developed contact and instilled in them a new zeal to study Islam and propagate it. How a man with limited resources could manage to undertake such extensive travelling is amazing. He toured Suriname, Guyana and Trinidad several times, visited all the *Jama'ats* and did commendable work in reorganising and establishing them on a sound footing. His work for the cause of Islam and the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement will remain an important chapter in the history of the Movement. Besides his devotion and selfless service to the cause of Islam, his silent help and monetary contributions for people in need speak loudly for the humanitarian aspect of his life which not many know about, but being close to him, I stand witness to it. And that is why everywhere and in every country he visited, children, women and men have love and admiration for him.

From an ordinary shopkeeper selling cloth, he rose to the height of being a worldwide servant of Islam. It shows his extreme love, devotion, exemplary zeal and sacrifice for the cause of Islam. But in spite of his worldwide fame and high stature, he was an extremely humble and pleasant person. He was an impressive speaker who could explain difficult points of religion in simple words. He could speak fluently in Urdu, English and Dutch, and somewhat in Arabic also. His demise has deprived us of a very loving brother, a respected elder, a sympathetic, hospitable and caring servant of Islam. Physically, he is no more among us, but his sincerity, affection and selfless service to the cause of Islam and fellow human beings will keep his memory alive in our hearts.

Maulana Jaggoe was a fine person in all respects. He was a perfect Muslim who had feelings of love and respect for all regardless of their country, religion or status in life. And this all-embracing quality of the *Maulana* endeared him to everyone and today, on his departure, everyone is laden with grief and wishes to say farewell with prayers and tears.

I fervently pray that All-merciful Allah may grant this true believer a high place in His sight and shower on the departed soul His choicest blessings. May He also enable us to follow in his footsteps and inculcate in us zeal and commitment to serve the cause of Islam and to serve all humanity. This is the way to keep his memory alive and to seek the mercy of Allah for him.

In conclusion, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences and deep sense of grief and sympathy on behalf of my family in England and Pakistan, whom the late *Maulana* loved like an affectionate father, and whenever he visited Pakistan he would meet them or try to contact them by phone – Mrs. Jamila Khan, President of the UK *Jama'at*, Dr. Zahid Aziz and Bro. Shahid Aziz, and all other members, especially Mrs. Bano Anwar, members of the Central Anjuman in Lahore, all the members residing in Darus Salaam, especially Mr. and Mrs. Arshad Alvi, his two esteemed friends and helpers, Bros. Faizur Rahman and Yakoob Ahmad, and lastly, on behalf of our respected Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed.

May Allah shower His choicest blessings on the departed soul and grant forbearance to the members of the bereaved family.









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