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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Editor's Note**

When I left Fiji in 1949, large numbers of our *Jama'at* members flourished all around the main island of Viti Levu, Fiji. Labasa, in the second island of Vanua Levu, was also habited by our members. However, when the West opened their frontiers for immigration, large numbers of our *Jama'at* members migrated to Australia, USA, Canada, and to some extent New Zealand. Several coups in Fiji also accelerated the exodus of migration abroad of our *Jama'at* members.

Consequently, whether the main mosque in Fiji is half full or half empty at gatherings, or members in New Zealand are dispersed around Auckland (a city like Hamilton has one family) and gather in one central place on *Eid* and *Jumu'ah* prayers, and likewise in Australia the members are dispersed within and around Sydney and they also gather in their Center for *Eid* and *Jumu'ah* and on special occasions, they are full of spirit and zeal when it comes to their beliefs in Ahmadiyyat.

These highly spirited members of the Asia-Pacific region yearn for and cherish the visit of Ameer-i-Qaum to their communities. This is evidenced by the attention and response given to scores of *dars* delivered by Hazrat Ameer Prof. Dr Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib who recently visited Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Indonesia. *Alhamdollilah* for his most successful tour! We hope and pray that he plans another visit to the Asia-Pacific region in the not too distant future.

The following is a report of his tour of the countries in the Asia-Pacific region.



## FIJI/NEW ZEALAND



We have already given you a photographic presentation of Hazrat Ameer's visit to Fiji and a text report of his activities in New Zealand. Later in this special edition we will give you a report on Hazrat Ameer's visit to Fiji submitted by Amir Aziz, General Secretary AAIL, Pakistan.



## AUSTRALIA

Hazrat Ameer departed Australia on Tuesday 20 April for the last leg of his journey, to Indonesia, before returning to Pakistan. We received a brief report over the phone of his brisk activities of the week preceding his departure. Since his arrival in Australia he gave daily *dars*.

### **Friday**

Hazrat Ameer delivered the *khutba* and led the *Jumu'ah* prayers at the residence of the late Dr Habeeb Sahu Khan. The service was well attended by local *Jama'at* members. *Jazak Allah!*

### **Saturday**

A major function was organized for the evening, which was attended by representatives of Mayor of Holbrook City, native land elders, and other community leaders.

A large gathering consisting of *Jama'at* members and guests was present during this function. Hazrat Ameer spoke on the misconception of Islam found in Australia, how to spread the message of Ahmadiyyat in Australia, and gave clarification on *jihad* according to the teachings of Islam – with emphasis on pen rather than sword. He also emphasized on the mission of providing our *Jama'at* books and literature. *Jazak Allah!*

**Sunday**

Hazrat Ameer attended a lunch party given by Dr Muhammad Ali, President of AAAIL, Australia.

After lunch he went to offer *Fatiha* and *du'a* at the grave of the late Dr. Habeeb Sahu Khan. Sister Nur Jahan Alam, the daughter of Marhoom, and many of her relatives were present.

Later that evening Hazrat Ameer attended a poem session organized by Sister Nur Jahan Alam at which he recited *Jama'at*-related poems. The evening was an informative and successful one. *Jazak Allah!*

**Monday**

On this day *dars* was scheduled at the residence of Brother Khalil, who is a son of the cousin of Dr Mohammad Ahmad, President, AAAIL, USA.

**Tuesday**

Scheduled departure for Indonesia.

We are delighted at Hazrat Ameer's successful mission to the Asia-Pacific region and we hope that he will make more such visits to energize our worldwide *Jama'ats*.

May Allah (*swt*) be with him and grant him strength and stamina to carry out the mission of our Holy Founder, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him). *Aameen*.

**FIJI ISLANDS****Report by Amir Aziz, General Secretary AAAIL, Pakistan**

On 29th March 2010 I set off for Fiji to attend the regional meeting.

I reached Fiji on 31st March and was received at the Nadi airport by Brother Sadrud din Sahu Khan Sahib.

The same day Hazrat Ameer arrived. President, AAAIL Fiji, Brother Abdul Nasim, Mrs Abdul Nasim, Maulana Fazal Haq and I went to the airport to receive him.

General Secretary, AAAIL Fiji, Brother Mehboob Raza and brother Sadr ud Din came to meet and welcome Hazrat Ameer at Brother Abdul Nasim's house.

**Friday**

Friday was the first day of the meeting. Hazrat Ameer delivered the Friday sermon and led the prayer. His sermon was appreciated by all. He stressed upon the unity and solidarity of the *Jammat*.

The session opened with the recitation of Holy Quran by a young rising star of AAIIIL Fiji, Abdul Hashim, followed by its translation. Abdul Hashim is the son of Abdul Nasim, President of AAIIIL Fiji.

A very talented and enthusiastic young girl, Suleha, also recited verses from the Holy Quran and delivered a very thought- provoking speech. Her recitation and translation touched everyone's heart.

After that, Hazrat Ameer inaugurated the programme with his opening speech and *du'a*.

President of AAIIIL Fiji, Abdul Nasim sahib, gave welcome speech and thanked the guests and audience for their participation.

After that was my speech on the topic, "Significance of teh Pledge." It was the wish of the AAIIIL Fiji that I talk on this important subject. I explained the topic with the help of a Power Point Presentation. The audience appreciated it and more than 50 men and women took baiat of Hazrat Ameer at the end of the programme.

Sister Samina Malik presented a report of the AAIIIL Ohio, USA activities in the propagation of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. The entire audience lauded her efforts in spreading the message of Allah to the world.

Hazrat Ameer presented an Activities Report of Central Anjuman and explained that despite many difficulties Central Anjuman is progressing in all departments, for example, printing, publication, education, health care, trips to local as well as foreign *Jammats* and in establishing new centers. His presentation was greatly encouraging and gave a clear picture of Central Anjumans's efforts in spreading the message to its members as well as to others.

### **Saturday**

The session started with the recitation of the Holy Quran.

Brother Dr Noman Malik conducted a course for four hours on the topic "Life after Death." His scholarly presentation won laurels for us all. All participants enjoyed the topic which was followed by a question answer session.

After him was Hazrat Ameer's speech on the topic "Death of Jesus." Hazrat Ameer gave arguments from the Holy Quran and other relevant books about the topic, making it so interesting that everyone was involved.

### **Sunday**

The programme started at 10 a.m. with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Sister Samina Malik presented her report on the Philippines and other countries.

Brother Imran Sahu Khan narrated a poem of Hazrat Mirza sahib in a very enthralling and enchanted voice.

Brother Mehboob Raza gave an eloquent speech and stressed that all members of our *Jammat* should come up to the standard set by the founder of *Jammat*, Hazrat Mirza sahib. He also pointed out that real success lies in the dignity of work and not in idle pursuits.

After that Maulana Fazal Haq gave an excellent talk on the topic of how to achieve success in the light of Quran.

The session ended with my speech on the topic “Promotion of aesthetic sense by Islam.” The theme of the topic was that Islam is a natural religion and promotes a sense of beauty which is more spiritual than physical.

The programme ended with a closing speech and *du‘a* by Hazrat Ameer.

We also appreciate the efforts of Brother Sadrudin Sahu Khan Sahib who facilitated the programme with great devotion.

### **Activities of Maulana Fazal Haq**

Maulana Fazal Haq is doing a very good job in Fiji and is liked by all. He is teaching, preaching and building ties with the members. He visits houses to teach students, and participates enthusiastically in *daras* and other activities.

### **Visit to Nausori**

The next day Hazrat Ameer and I were taken to Nausori High and Primary Schools by the President of AAIIIL Fiji. These two schools are managed by a board. It was quite surprising for us that despite the fact it was a holiday, the school secretary, Ms Sariana, who is a local Fijian lady, was working in the school. Hazrat Ameer appreciated her dedication and also documented his comments in the visitors’ book.

Both schools are managed very efficiently by devoted board members. We appreciate the hard work of AAIIIL Fiji in the promotion of education to the masses who cannot afford it.

### **Printing and Publication**

AAIIIL Fiji is progressing in the work of printing and publication. It is publishing its monthly magazine *Paigham e Haq* on a regular basis and it is distributed to the whole community, including government officials, judges, and lawyers, and even to other non-Ahmadi Muslims.

It has printed many books in English and is distributing in Fiji as well as in Australia and New Zealand.

Another highlight of the trip was my debate with Qadiani Murabi. The discussion went very well in a comfortable, congenial and friendly atmosphere.

We pray that Allah may help AAIIIL Fiji and its member to work with more devotion and spread the message of Allah to those who are still deprived.



## INDONESIA

### **Report by Amir Aziz, General Secretary AAAIL, Pakistan**

#### **Indonesia trip from 21-29 April 2010**

I reached Jakarta on 21 April and was received by Brother Dr Nanag Iskandar at the airport. Meanwhile, Brother Iwan Yusuf also joined us from Jogjakarta to wellcome Hazrat Ameer. We had to wait at least six hours for Hazrat Ameer, who had come from Australia and reached there at 6 o'clock in the evening. He had a sprain and could not move properly. *Jammat* members thought to change their programme on seeing his health but he stopped them and ordered them to proceed according the programme which had already been prepared. It was great of him to say that his health should not hamper the programme. We therefore set off for Bandung to the house of the President of AAAIL, Indonesia, Prof. Faturahman.Ahmadi. We were received with cheerful faces by Prof. Faturahman Ahmadi and Mrs Ahmadi. It was midnight, and after talking for some time we went to rest.

The next day a meeting of the AAAIL Indonesia board was held. Brother Purwiyadi Ali and M. Ali came from Jogjakarta and Brother Dr. Nanag from Jakarta attended the meeting. It was a very fruitful meeting. Future coordination with AAAIL Indonesia and Central Anjuman was discussed in detail. Hazrat Ameer and I assured the board that Central Anjuman will fully cooperate in printing, education, and training of *mubaligheen* and other related projects of AAAIL Indonesia. We mutually agreed.

Later, a programme of our trip was discussed and finalized.

I presented a lecture on the topic "Islam promotes learning not ignorance" and later on Hazrat Ameer presented report of Central Anjuman's activities.

The same day after lunch we had to travel to Purwokerto, our next destination.

#### **Purwokerto 22-23 April**

We reached Purwokerto at midnight after seven hours' journey by car. On the way it was raining heavily and we were travelling on a winding road.

The next morning we were taken to PIRI School of Vocational Training. We were received by the principal of the school and Brother Sarayouda. Brother Sarayuda had been trained as a *mubaligh* in Lahore by the Central Anjuman. He is performing a very important duty.

We were shown all departments of the school, like auto mechanics, computer and electronics. The library and laboratories are well equipped.

We were then taken to the hall where students and staff were all gathered. We were welcomed by the principal and Hazrat Ameer was asked to deliver his opening speech. He addressed the audience and advised them to work with devotion for the promotion of education, Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Later on I delivered my Power Point Presentation on the topic "Islam promotes learning and not ignorance."

At the end a very interesting question and answer session was conducted.

It was Friday and we had the opportunity to attend Friday prayer in the oldest mosque of our *Jammat* in Purwokerto. We reached Masjid Salam and attended Friday prayer. Brother Sarayouda delivered the sermon and led the prayer. After the prayer, we were introduced to the members of the *jammat* and Hazrat Ameer delivered a short speech. Members from Wonosobo *Jammat* also came to meet us and attend the meeting. Later on, a question and answer session was conducted.

After having lunch we said goodbye to all members and left for our next destination – Yog Jakarta. It was six hours of driving through beautiful scenery. We reached at eight in the evening and went for a rest in a very comfortable hotel arranged for us in Gada Mada University Hotel.

### **Yog Jakarta 24 April**

The next morning we had to address the staff members of the PIRI School System. Brother Yatimin, who had been trained as a *mubligh*, came to meet us and he performed the duty of translator very skilfully.

Hazrat Ameer presented the report of Central Anjuman's activities by Power Point Presentation, which was appreciated by all. I delivered a lecture on the claims of Harzrat Mirza sahib by Power Point Presentation, which was commended by all. At the end, a question and answer session was conducted.

At eleven o'clock we had to leave for Pare, east Java, which is an eight-hour journey from Jogjakarta.

### **Pare 24-25 April**

Brother Ali Yasir, a very seasoned teacher and *mubaligh* of our *Jammat*, and Brother Yatimin, a very devoted and sincere *mubaligh*, accompanied us on this long and tiresome journey.

We reached Pare at seven in the evening and were taken to a hotel owned by a member of our *Jammat*. After just one hour of rest we had to attend a programme which was arranged by the Pare *Jammat* in a big hall of the same hotel. More than three hundred people attended the programme, which was scheduled from eight to ten that night. It was so interesting that it went up to midnight.

The programme started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by a young member of our *Jammat*. A senior member of the *Jammat* welcomed us and also gave a brief speech about Ahmadiyyat.

Later on, Hazrat Ameer delivered his lecture through a Power Point Presentation on the topic "The Ahmadiyya Movement and its achievements. I delivered a lecture on the topic "Issues affecting Muslims and their remedy in the Holy Quran."

Brother Yatimin skilfully fulfilled the responsibility of translator and translated our speeches into Indonesian Bahasa. At the end there was question and answer session, which lasted for an hour. Brother Ali Yasir responded the questions very well.

We were by then dead tired and slept at midnight with a new resolution.

The next morning we had a meeting with the board members of the Pare *Jammat*, who asked many questions and gave valuable suggestions. We were informed that this *jammat* has good relations with other Muslims of the area, and our previous night's programme was attended by many non-Ahmadi Muslim brothers. A small girl recited the *Fatiha*, and the session closed with her prayer.

Later on we went to see the office of our Movement in the city. It's a big office with a large piece of land which can be utilized for many purposes.

It was a very good trip and we were very impressed. This *jammats* and its activities are commendable in the promotion of our Movement in the area.

We set off for our eight-hour journey back to Jogjakarta and reached there at seven in the evening, then went to the hotel to rest.

### **Jogjakarta 26-27 April**

On the morning of the 26th, we were taken to PIRI Primary School. Brother Muslih and his daughter Julieta accompanied us to the school.

It was spectacular scene to see kids lined up in such a disciplined manner to welcome us. All the students shook hands with us then went to classes without any disorderliness.

All staff members and the principal of the school welcomed us. We were shown different departments and sections of the school. The standard of the school and staff is laudable at all levels. It was very fascinating to see a group of students playing music and singing PIRI songs. Hazrat Ameer appreciated their talent and prayed for the success of the school.

The same day we had another very important engagement – meeting the members of various faiths in an Islamic school. People of all faiths including Christianity, Buddhism, and Hinduism, and Sufism and other Muslims sects were gathered there to meet us.

The head of the organization is a very learned Muslim fellow, Abdul Muhamin. He has good knowledge of Islam and also has understanding about the Ahmadiyya Movement. He is aware of the differences between two *Jammats*. He welcomed us and the discussion started. He informed us about the organization and also about his efforts in developing this interfaith organization.

Representatives of different faiths presented their views. Hazrat Ameer very intelligently, skilfully and wisely explained the Islamic point of view which was appreciated by all. I also took part in the discussion.

It was a very successful session and we were able to clarify our point of view, which was well understood and commended by all.

### **27 April**

It was our last day in YoJakarta. Early in the morning, at 8:30, we had to meet with the student body of the PIRI School System and deliver lectures about the Ahmadiyya Movement. After the programme students presented the traditional uniform of the school to Hazrat Ameer and me. Hazrat Ameer prayed for the success and progress of the students and also prayed for the school system which is providing quality education to the students.

At 10 a.m. we had to address the members, school staff and executives of AAIIIL Indonesia in Masjid e Darus Salam, the name given by Hazrat Ameer, to this mosque.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present at the occasion. We were welcomed by Brother Iwan Yusuf, and the programme started with the recitation of Holy Quran.

Hazrat Ameer addressed the audience and explained the objectives of our trip to Indonesia. He also explained that Central Anjuman wanted to visit earlier when anti-Ahmadiyya Movement sentiment was at its peak to show solidarity, but we were advised not to visit at that time. Hazrat Ameer also stressed that in the time of test and trial we all have to show strength and keep our bond with Ahmadiyyat strong.

Later on I gave a Power Point Presentation on the topic “Issues affecting Muslims and their solution in the light of Quran” and “Ten conditions of the *baiat*.”

My all presentations were copied by members of the Indonesia *Jammat* to explain in their own language later on.

Hazrat Ameer led *Zuhr* prayer and prayed for the success of the *Jammat*. We invited members of each *jammat* to visit Lahore, which will be a great source of encouragement for the members in Pakistan.

We appreciate Brother Purr Ali and Brother Yatimin for their translation of our speeches, which they did professionally.

In the afternoon we left for the airport to travel to the Jakarta *Jammat*.

### **Jakarta 28 April**

We reached Jakarta at eight and were received by all young members of our *Jammat*. Brother Sulardi, President of the Jakarta *Jammat*, and Brother Imam Abdi, the General Secretary, welcomed us and took us for dinner and later to the hotel where we stayed.

The next day we had a trip to Jakarta City and visited the biggest mosque of south east Asia. It’s a great work of architecture.

In the afternoon a programme had been arranged by AAIIIL Jakarta at our center. Hazrat Ameer led the prayers.

Hazrat Ameer explained the differences between the two *Jammats* and stressed that we have to make it clear to the public that we have our own identity. Later on, I explained the tips to success in the light of Quran. In the end, a question and answer session was conducted.

We thank Brother Anzalan for translating our speeches into Indonesian Basha. It was nice to see that Brother Fateur Rehman Ahmadi, President of AAIIIL Indonesia, who travelled from Bandung to participate in the meeting and also to say goodbye to us. It was his 75th birthday on the same day. All participants wished him well and prayed for his health.

It is also great news for the *jammat* that sons of our late brother Mansoor Basoki are playing an active role in the *jammat*. They attended the programme with the whole family.

The Jakarta *jammat* is a vibrant and active one which is guided by Brother Dr. Nanag, a scholarly person. His knowledge and services to the *jammat* are commendable.

We reached the hotel at 10 in the night and packed our luggage as the next day we had to leave for Pakistan.

We left the airport at six in the morning. At the airport I had to stay for three hours more than Hazrat Ameer. It gave a good opportunity to the young men who had come to drop us to ask questions. This session lasted for two hours and all of us enjoyed it.

It was very successful trip, which has brought Central Anjuman and AAHL Indonesia closer to each other. We pray for the success and progress of our *jammah* in this region.



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