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OBITUARY REPORT

Editor's Note:

It is with a heavy heart and sad grief we reproduce the Ahmadiyya Blog of our revered brother Dr. Zahid Aziz, Editor of "The Light" UK edition in which we sadly read the passing away of our dear brother Ismail Peck of Cape Town, South Africa who stood his ground till the end in our "Ahmadiyya case" legal proceedings. We are indeed indebted to him for his courage and will to face all dangers and adversities during the deliberation of the case. May Allah (swt) reward him for his strength of faith and bravery against all threats posed by the anti-Ahmadiyya Mullahs, Aameen.

Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Iلهi Rajeeon.

Our thoughts and prayers are that Allah Almighty in His Infinite Mercy and Compassion, grant eternal peace, solace and happiness to the dearly departed soul of Brother Ismail Peck Marhoom of Cape Town, South Africa, and bestow on him an abode in the highest pedestal of Heaven, Jannate-Firdous (Aameen).

All of us further wish that our Lord God with His infinite mercy and cherished blessings grant his surviving family and relatives and the South Africa Jama'at, a source of spiritual and physical strength and comfort in their grief and anguish to bear the burden of this irreparable personal loss (Aameen).

"Ahmadiyya Blog" UK follows:

[Ismail Peck passes away in Cape Town: "Second Plaintiff is declared to be a Muslim"](#)

It is with the deepest grief that we report the death in Cape Town today, 27th July, of Mr. Ismail Peck, *inna li-llahi wa inna ilai-hi raji`un*.

Mr Peck was the plaintiff in the Cape Town civil court case, 1982-1985, against various bodies of the anti-Ahmadiyya Ulama, in which he laid the claim that he, an Ahmadi, was a Muslim and it was defamatory to call him kafir, and it was a denial of his legitimate rights to refuse him burial in a cemetery that was designated for Muslim burial.

While knowledgeable in the Quran and the Bible, Mr Peck was a humble man of an ordinary position in life. But it took **extraordinary courage** to stand up as the plaintiff when the Ulama did all they could to

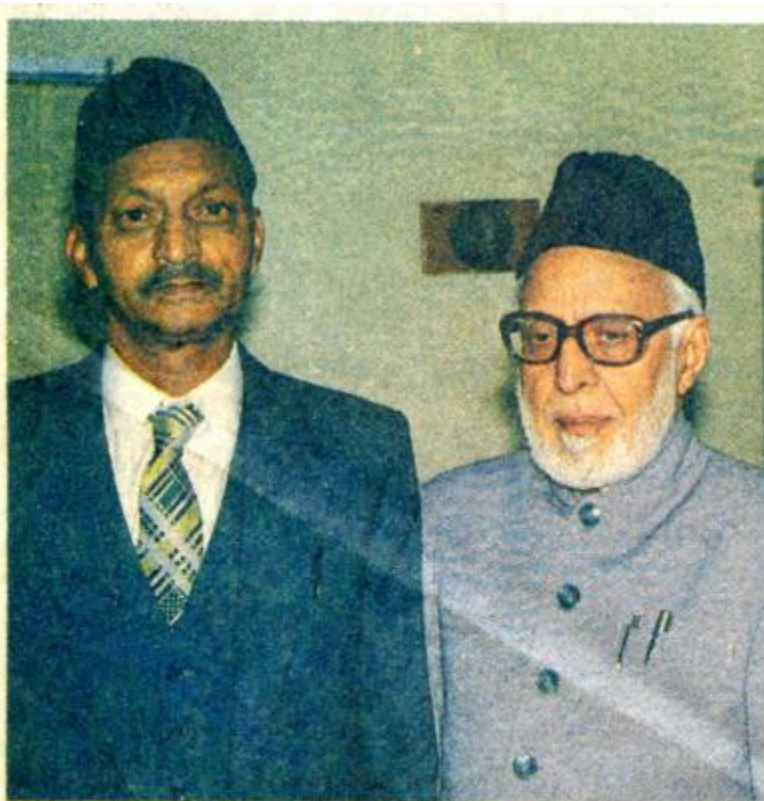
get the case withdrawn. Once the litigation process began, Mr Peck was at risk of his life since if he had died the case would have terminated. Despite all dangers, he stood firm like a rock and saw the case through to the end, including appearing in court to give personal testimony.

When the judge, Mr. D.M. Williamson, read out his judgment on Wednesday 20 November 1985 and, near the end, announced the words “Second Plaintiff is declared to be a Muslim”, those who heard these words, including myself, were overcome by an indescribable ecstasy and sense of gratitude to Almighty Allah. In the post 1974 and 1984 atmosphere, it made life worth living just to hear these words.

To read full details of that court case, [please follow this link](#).

My prayer is that may Allah now pronounce the same judgment on Mr Peck, and admit him into His mercy and forgiveness, ameen.

From the Sunday Times of Cape Town, November 17, 1985, p. 3



Ahmadi member Mr Ismail Peck (left) and Hafiz Sher Muhammad, a witness from Pakistan, who gave historical and theological evidence in the Cape Town Supreme Court in support of Mr Peck's application for an interdict against the Muslim Judicial Council (MJC).

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