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INTRODUCTION

Editor's Notes

The demise of Sheikh Fazal ur Rehman, Treasurer of the Central Anjuman, is indeed a sad and sorrowful loss to the *Jama'at* in Lahore, Pakistan. *Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilehi Rajeeoon.*

When I was in Darus Salaam, I vividly remember seeing him going or coming from work, dressed in a traditional Pakistani dress of *salwar* and *kameez*, covered with a Western-style coat and clad with muffler to protect himself from the severe winter cold of December.

Whenever he passed by he would stop briefly to chat with me, despite the chilling weather of Lahore in the heart of winter. God bless him for these wonderful memories.

Once I was in his office to discuss the best way to remit funds to the Central Anjuman from abroad. He was very helpful and I found him very skilful and intelligent in his work. He had 53 years of experience behind him when he returned to His maker and it is not easy to fill the void left by our dear brother, the late Sheikh Fazal ur Rehman Sahib Marhoom. "I will not suffer the work of any worker among you to be lost whether male or female" (3:195).

We are also very distressed to learn from Hazrat Ameer Sahib's letter that the son of Marhoom Sheikh Fazal ur Rehman suffered a heart attack and is being treated in hospital. The members of our global "Prayer Circle" are requested to please raise their hands in fervent prayers and seek Allah's mercy for complete *shifa* of Sheikh Sahib's son. *Aameen.*

EULOGY & CONDOLENCES

Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib

Dear Akbar,

As-salamu alaikum wa-rahmat-Ullah wa-barakato.

The demise of Sheikh Fazal Ur Rahman is sad indeed; a person who has known and worked with all previous *Ameers* and also has been closely associated with me is no more.

He had a great attachment with the *Jamaat* and the Center and even visited the office a day before his death. His great desire to be buried in Darus Salaam along with other Ahmadis was fulfilled and he was laid to rest yesterday evening.

I am sure as I pray for his departed soul that Allah would be recording his long services of 53 years to the Anjuman, which he carried out with utmost devotion and honesty.

He diligently kept the accounts of the Anjuman and was a great help to me in maintaining the accounts for my 'discretionary account'; he also gave me valuable advice from time to time.

I pray for his soul to be blessed in the Hereafter, and patience for his family.

I request all the *Jamaat* members worldwide to pray for the health of his son, who was admitted to a Lahore hospital with a heart attack and was not allowed to attend his father's *janaza* prayer and burial.

Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha

Shahid Aziz, Secretary, AAII, United Kingdom

Assalamu alaikum.

We are very sad to hear of this. He was a permanent fixture of the Centre for as long as I can remember. We always found him at the *jalsa* time doing his best to help everyone. He was more than a treasurer. He knew a lot of history and also where some lost friends are living. He also advised us foreigners where to go. May Allah have mercy on his soul. May his family follow in his footsteps.

Please pass on my condolences to his family.

Salaams.

Shahid

Shaukat A. Ali, Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Region

Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatuh

We are deeply distressed to learn that our dear brother Sheikh Fazal Ur Rehman has left this world to meet with our Maker. *Inna lillahe wa inna Ilaihi rajjoon.*

I have known Sheikh Fazal Ur Rehman Marhoom for decades and know that he was a very dedicated Ahmadi and had served the Anjuman with utmost devotion for half a century. We pray that Allah *taála* grant the departed soul eternal peace and abode in the highest pedestal of *Jannat-ul Firdaous – aameen.*

We also pray that Compassionate and Merciful Allah grant strength, comfort and *sabr* to the members of the bereaved family at this hour of great anguish.

Please convey our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

Allah hafiz.

Shaukat

Robbert Bipat, President, SIV, Suriname

Dear Hazrat Ameer Sahib,
Dear Brother Amir Aziz,
Asalaam-u-Alaikum.

This is truly a sad message. Please convey the deepest sympathy from all the *SIV* to the relatives and companions of Sheik Fazal Ur Rehman. May Allah bless his soul in eternity.

We will prepare for *Janaza Ghaibana* at our weekly prayers.

Wassalaam,
Robbert Bipat

Shabir Buksh, Secretary, AAAIL, New Zealand

Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilehi Rajeroon.

May Allah (*swt*) with His cherished mercy and graceful blessings grant the dearly departed soul of Sheik Fazal Ur Rehman a resting abode in high places of *Jannate-Firdouse* and grant the surviving members of his family patience, strength and fortitude to bear the burden of this irreparable personal loss. *Aameen.*

Please convey our deepest sympathy to the family members from all members of the *NZ Jamaat.*

Inshah Allah, we will hold *Salat-e-Janaza Ghaibana* on Friday after *Jummah* Prayers.

Allah Hafiz.
Shabir Buksh

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