



The last picture of Qazi Abdul Ahad Sahib, Eid ul Fitr, 20 August 2012

Dear Members,

*Assalaam-o-Alaikum Wa Rakhmatullahi Wa Barakaato Hoo.*

I announce with deep sorrow that Qazi Abdul Ahad Sahib expired at Darus Salaam, Lahore, Pakistan at about 1 am this morning, 17 September 2012, at the age of 85 years.

الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ○

*Allazeena iza asabat hum museebatun qaloo inna Lillahi wa inna elaihi raaji oon.*

“Who, when a misfortune befalls them say: “Surely we are Allah’s and to Him we shall return”. (Al Baqarah, 2:156)

Qazi Sahib was born in 1927 in village Sher Garh of the former state of Amb, now part of district Haripur, Hazara. After completing his madrassa education he took up the usual job of a local Imaam Masjid. The fanatic opposition of Ahmadiyyat in Hazara raised his curiosity about the Movement and this led him to discussions with the late Hazrat Ameer Dr. Saeed Ahmad Sahib in Abbottabad. He was soon convinced about the truth of Hazrat Sahib’s claims and formally joined the Jama‘at in the early fifties. In 1960 he moved to Abbottabad with his family as Imaam of the Jaamiah Ahmadiyya and took up residence in the premises of Darus Saeed.

In June 1974, Qazi Sahib and his family, together with about 60 other Ahmadis experienced the ordeal of the tragic attack on Darus Saeed, Abbottabad by anti Ahmadiyya rioters. He decided to move back to his village but found it difficult to adjust to the prevailing environment. Hazrat Ameer Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan Sahib, who had himself relocated to Lahore, invited him to take up the job of librarian at the Centre in Darus Salaam. He held this position

till his demise this morning. When he fell ill two years ago, he desired to move to Islamabad with one of his sons. However, he soon started missing the intellectual activities at Darus Salaam and was yearning to return "home". The residents of Darus Salaam, who were not missing him any less, welcomed him back with garlands and showers of rose petals.

Allah Ta'ala had blessed Qazi Sahib with a photographic memory. His knowledge of the Holy Qur'an, Hadith, Hazrat Sahib's books and books of not only members of the Jama'at but all Islamic literature in general was unsurpassed. In fact he was a living encyclopaedia. He had the ability to search out references from the entire spectrum of Islamic literature with great speed and accuracy. He was a master of Arabic grammar and could understand and explain complicated compositions with ease. His knowledge of Persian poetry was enviable and we could always fall back on him for help. Even during his serious illness he kept helping Amir Aziz in the translation of Hazrat Sahib's Arabic books.

I am reminded of Hazrat Ameer Dr. Saeed Ahmad Sahib's remarks on the demise of another very learned member of the Jama'at. Hazrat Sayed Abdul Jabbar Shah Sahib (Badsha Sahib of Sawat) was reputed to have a photographic memory. It is said that he never forgot anything that he ever heard, read, or saw. On hearing the news of his death, Dr. Saeed Ahmad Sahib remarked "O God! This great treasure of knowledge and wisdom will no longer be available to us." I would like to repeat the same remarks on Qazi Sahib's demise.

May Almighty Allah grant him a very special place in *Jannat ul Firdaus*. May He also grant patience and fortitude to his two sons, his daughter and all other members of the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. *Aameen*.

*Namaaz-i-Janaaza* and burial will take place at Darus Salaam, Lahore at 5 pm on Monday 17 September 2012. Please arrange *Ghaaibana Namaaz-i-Janaaza* at your respective Anjumans accordingly.

Seeker of your prayers,  
Lahore Ahmadees Moderator  
Mohammad Saeed