

# Holy Quran, Chapter 46 – Al-Ahqaf, verse 16

I seek refuge with Allah from Satan,

اَعُوْ ذُبِاللهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَاْنِ الرَّجِيْمِ The Accursed.

And We have enjoined on man to be good to his parents. His mother bears him with pain, and brings him forth with pain. And the bearing of him and his weaning takes thirty months, till, when he full maturity<sup>(1)</sup> and reaches the age his of forty years, he says, 'My Lord, grant me the power that I may be grateful for Thy favour which Thou hast bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and that I may do such good works as may please Thee. And make my seed righteous for me. I do turn to Thee; and, truly, I am of those who submit to Thee'.

(Ashudd): اَشُكَّ (Ashudd):

The word Ashudd seems to be used in the sense of spiritual maturity here and in Ch. 12, Vs. 23, and in the sense of intellectual and physical maturity in Ch. 6, Vs. 153 and Ch. 18, Vs 83.\*

\*Source:

The Holy Quran – Arabic Text with English translation and short commentary, Malik Ghulam Farid

#### Welcome to Majlis Ansarullah

My Dear Brother,

اَلسَّ الرُّمُ عَلَيْكُمُ وْرَحْمَةُ اللَّهُ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

In the Nizam of Jamaat Ahmadiyya every "Khadim" who attains the age of 40 during the year shall join Majlis Ansarullah on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the next year. I therefore take this opportunity to wholeheartedly welcome you to the Majlis and the next chapter of your life, Alhamdulillah!

You will, Insha'Allah, shortly be receiving a formal welcome letter from **Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK, Ch. Ijaz ur Rehman** and whenever possible I humbly urge you to reach out to him to convey your Salaam.

For your information, Majlis Ansarullah is divided into two age groups: Saf-e-Awwal for members above the age of 55 years and Saf-e-Doem for those members between the ages of 40 and 55 years. Hadhrat Khaliftul Masih III set up the younger group to encourage activity and participation from members coming from Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and to assist integration within Majlis Ansarullah.

The letter from Sadr Majlis will contain the contact details of your Zaeem and Regional Nazim or Zaim-e-Aala. However, please feel free to contact me directly at any time if I can be of any assistance to you and can help facilitate your integration and participation in the activities of Majlis Ansarullah UK.

The pages ahead are aimed to give you some basic information about Majlis Ansarullah including its early history and its organisational set up.

May Allah bless this transition for you and may He ordain it as a glorious new chapter in your life. Ameen.

Yours humbly,

Mirza Waqas Ahmad, Serving as Naib Sadr Saf-e-Doem Majlis Ansarullah UK

### **Early History**

Ḥadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II may Allah be pleased with him formed a number of auxiliary organizations to promote the spirit of moral excellence of the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

These organizations were established to provide a specific framework for the ethical and religious education and training of different groups based on age and gender.

Majlis Ansãrullah was formed by Ḥadhrat Khalifatul Masih II <sup>may Allah be pleased with</sup> in 1940; its members comprise all male Ahmadi Muslims over the age of 40.



Ḥaḍhrat Khalifatul Masih II may Allah be pleased with outlined goals for the auxiliaries in these words:

"We have to reform the whole world. We have to bring the entire world to bow before God Almighty. Bring the entire world under the fold of Aḥmadiyyat. Establish the Kingdom of God all over the world. But this grand task cannot be performed until all members of our community—children, youth, or elderly—organize themselves internally and follow this code of conduct day and night...For this internal improvement and completion of organization, I have established the auxiliary organizations of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Ansarullah, Atfalul Ahmadiyya, and Nasiratul Ahmadiyya, Lajna Imaillah." (AI-Fazl, October 11, 1944)

# **Aims & Objectives of Majlis Ansarullah**

To organise all the male Ahmadis above the age of forty years and to inculcate the following:

- i. The love of Allah.
- ii. The spirit to promote and propagate the teachings of Islam.
- iii. The urge to preach Islam and serve mankind. iv. The spiritual and moral training of children.
  - v. Self-sacrifice.
- vi. The spirit of protecting the institution of Khilāfat. vii. The spirit of placing collective interests above individual interests.

The Majlis shall purely be a religious organisation having no political interests whatsoever.

#### The Flag of Majlis Ansarullah



On the occasion of the [National] Annual Ijtema in 1956, Majlis Shura of Ansarullah made the following decision: "Ansar should have their own flag and Alme Inami should be given [to the best performing Majlis]". A sub-committee was formed to devise and develop the practical detail of implementing this decision.

#### Significance of Various Elements of the Flag of Ansarullah

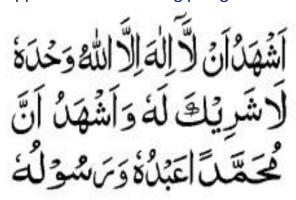
One quarter of the Ansarullah flag consists of a black section with a white full moon inside it. As described in the Ahādith, the flag of the Holy Prophet (May peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was black. Therefore, it is essential that a sub-ordinate flag of the Promised Messiah (May peace be on him) should be black as well. This is the reasoning behind selection of the black section for the flag of Ansarullah.

Aside from the colour, a moon [on the black area] represents the claim of the Promised Messiah (May peace be on him) which manifested itself like the appearance of a full moon in the 14th Century [Hijra]. The remaining area of the white part of the flag represents piety, peace, enlightenment, and light, in much the same way as light and enlightenment are characterized by the white lines in the flag of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.

#### **Ansar Pledge**

The Ansar Pledge is a solemn promise to Allah to believe in Him and to follow His commandments and Those of His Prophet Muhammad (saw) and The Promised Messiah (as) and Khalifa-e-Ahmadiyya. It's also a promise to do all good and lead a moral life.

On the occasion of the Annual Ijtema of Majlis Ansarullah held in Rabwah in October 1956, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II approved the following pledge for members of Majlis Ansarullah



(Said three times)

(ashhado al-lāilāha il-lallāho wahdahū laasharīkalahū wa ash hado anna Muhammadan 'abdohū warasūloh)

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allāh. He is One and has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallum) is His servant and His messenger.

I solemnly pledge that I shall endeavour throughout my life for the propagation and consolidation of Islam Aḥmadiyyat, and shall stand guard in defence of the institution of Khilāfat. I shall not hesitate to offer any sacrifice in this regard. Moreover, I shall exhort my children to always remain dedicated and devoted to Khilāfat. Insha'Allah.

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[Notice the emphasis that a Nasir now has to pay towards spreading Islam and strengthening Islam and also the additional responsibility of someone else, our children.]

#### **Organisational Structure**

All male members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Association automatically join Majlis Ansarullah on 1st January after their 40th birthday. There are two subsections within the Majlis:

Saf-e-Awwal comprises of members aged 55 years and above. Saf-e-Doem comprises of members below 55 years of age.

Sadr Majlis (The National President) and Naib Sadr Saf-e-Doem (Vice President) are elected for a period of two years by the National Majlis-e-Shura (Elected Executive Body).

The National Amila (Executive) is appointed by Sadr Majlis after formal approval of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih on a yearly basis. These National Amila consists of:

- ☐ Naib Sadr Awwal (Senior Vice President),
- ☐ Naib Sadraan (Vice Presidents),
- Qaideen (Heads of Departments),
- Auditor
- Qiadats (Departments) are:
- Amoomi (General Secretary),
- Tarbiyyat (Moral Training),
- Tabligh (Preaching),
- Tā'leem (Education),
- Tā'leem ul Quran (Quranic Education),
- Isa'ar (Social Service),
- Maal (Finance),

- ☐ Naib Sadr Saf-e-Doem (elected Vice President),
- ☐ Muavin Sadraan (Special assistants to the Sadr),
- ☐ Zaeem-e-Ala (similar to Mohtamim Muqami in MKA)
- Waqfe Jadid,
- Tehrīke Jadīd,
- Tajneed (Membership),
- Ishā'at (Publications),
- Tarbiyyat Nau Mubāeen (Training for New Converts),
- Zahānat wa Sehate Jismāni (Intellectual and Physical Health

The UK has 18 Regions for administrative purposes. Each Region is headed by a Nazim e Ala (Regional Ansar President) appointed by Sadr Majlis yearly. The UK is divided into 144 Halqas, mapped to the same boundaries as the local Jamā'at. Each Halqa is headed by a Zaeem (Local Ansar President) who is elected by the local Ansar members every two years.

# Organisational Structure of Ansarullah compared to Khuddamul Ahmadiyya

Ansarullah	Khuddamul Ahmadiyya				
Nasir (plural: Ansar)	Khadim (plural: Khuddam)				
National Offices					
Sadr	Sadr				
Naib Sadr Awwal Naib Sadr Saf-e-Doem Naib Sadr	Naib Sadr				
Qaid Amoomi	Mohtamid				
Qaid	Mohtamim				
Auditor	Mohasib				
Zaeem-e-Ala	Mohtamim Muqami				
Regional Office					
Nazim e Ala	Regional Qaid				
Nazim	Regional Secretary				
Local Offices					
Zaeem	Qaid (plural:				
(plural: Zoʻama)	Qaideen)				
Muntazim Amoomi	Mohtamid				
Muntazim	Nazim				

#### **Finance**

The Financial Year of Majlis Ansarullah begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

#### **Prescribed rates of Chanda for members:**

- Ansar Chanda: 1% of one month's net (take home) income, paid monthly.
- Ijtema Chanda: 3% of one month's net income, paid yearly or £24/yr, whichever is greater ☐ Subscription to Ansaruddin publication: £5 per year Examples:

Net Pay	Ansãr Chanda	Ijtema Chanda	Publication	Total
£1,000/month	£10/month	£2.50/month	£0.42/month	£12.92/month
£2,000/month	£20/month	£5/month	£0.42/month	£25.42/month
£4,000/month	£40/month	£10/month	£0.42/month	£50.42/month

Chanda should be paid to Muntazim Finance (or Zaeem) on a regular basis, or by Standing Order, or in a lump sum during first half of the year.

To participate in elections, members must not be in arrears of

- a) Chanda Aam or Wasiyyat for more than six months
- b) Ansar Chanda for more than six months and
- c) Jalsa Salana Chanda and Ijtema Chanda for more than one year.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V <sup>may Allah be his helper</sup> has instructed that any member who does not pay Ansãr Chanda cannot hold an office in Majlis Ansarullah. In addition, Hadhur <sup>may Allah be his helper</sup> advised that "It is mandatory for the office bearers of the Jamaat to pay their contribution both towards the relevant organization [Majlis Ansarullah or Khuddamul Ahmadiyya] and also give the obligatory Jamaati Chandas".

\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL YOUR EXISTING MKA STANDING ORDER WITH YOUR BANK\*

(Majlis Ansarullah cannot do this on your behalf)

# Excerpts from the 2019 National Ijtema address by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V may Allah be his helper

(15<sup>th</sup> September 2019)

"As the membership of Majlis Ansarullah increases and the organisation progresses, the members of the organisation must self-evaluate to see if they are living up to the expectations laid out by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)."

"What does the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) expect of us? Until we seek the answer to this question with a real concern and unless we consistently make



our plans to meet those expectations and reflect on our progress, we cannot live according to his teachings, which were in fact the very teachings brought in the Holy Quran and taught by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)."

"The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) desires a lofty standard of morals and spirituality from all members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, not least from those who declare themselves to be members of Majlis Ansarullah. The examples we set should guide the youth upon the right path. The standards we set will become a guide for our children. It is our practices that will bring about positive changes within society."

"We must assess and analyse whether our words and actions are in harmony? Is the claim that 'we are the helpers of Allah' reflected in our actions? We pledge to spread the peaceful teachings of Islam across the world but what is our effort in this regard? We must assess ourselves."

"Nowadays it is not just books that are being published against Islam, rather, all forms of the modern media are being put to use to defame and attack Islam. Therefore today our most critical responsibility is to understand Islam, better ourselves and to create a living link with Allah the Almighty and step forward in order to show the world the true and beautiful face of Islam."

"May we leave pious examples for our progeny and future generations and may we strive to attain the pleasure of Allah the Almighty."