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Sad Demise of Two Elders of Columbus Jama'at

Noorul Haq Khan Sahib (1925-2021)

Respected Noorul Haq Khan Sahib passed away on January 13, 2021, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un. Khan Sahib was a pioneer member and the first President of Columbus Jama'at. He was born near Qadian and was the son of Hazrat Mubarak Ali Sultan Bakhsh of Theh Ghulam Nabi (1880-1961), who attended Jalsa Salana Qadian 1892 during the time of Hazrat Masih-e-Ma'ud (as). Khan Sahib migrated to East Africa, later returning to Qadian for education at the age of 10 in response to the demands of Tehrik-e-Jadid. It was there that he had the opportunity to live among many companions of Hazrat Masih-e-Ma'ud (as), including Hazrat Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Sahib (ra). He had the fortune of meeting Hazrat Amma Jaan (ra) and had spent many years close to Hazrat Musleh Ma'ud (ra). He was a student in Qadian when Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (rh) was headmaster of the school. He was also classmate of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (rh) in Qadian. He graduated from Lyallpur

Upcoming Events

- Jan 30** - Garments for Each Other Webinar
- Jan 31** - Local Election of Secretary Tarbiyyat Nau Mubaeen
- Feb 21** - Musleh Mau'ud Day General Meeting



Agricultural College in 1950 and worked as an education officer in East Africa for 30 years.

In 1987, he and his family moved to Columbus, OH, and, at the request of then-Ameer Shaikh Mubarak Ahmed Sahib, founded the local Jama'at. During his 33 years in Columbus he spent his time occupied in the study of the Holy Qur'an. In 2020, he completed an Urdu language [commentary of the Holy Qur'an](#), comparing and contrasting 15 commentaries in a single source.

As part of the Centennial effort, MTA sent a videographer to interview Khan Sahib to capture his personal stories and journey from Qadian to East Africa to the founding of the Columbus chapter. The documentary contains historic archive footage and photos as compiled by the family: [noorulhaq.com](#).

Noorul Haq Khan Sahib was father in law of Respected Mujeeb Ijaz Sahib Na'ib Secretary Umur Khrijia USA. Noorul Haq Khan Sahib is survived by his wife, Amatul Aziz Bushra Khanem Sahiba, daughter of Hazrat Faizul Haq Khan Sahib (ra), and his 6 children: Kalim Khan (Columbus), Naeem Khan (Columbus), Rehanna Khan (Sweden), Tahera Anwar (Houston), Sabiha Ijaz (Detroit), Nafisa Ahmed (Houston), 19 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Hamidah Akhtar Saleem Sahibah (1928 - 2021)

Respected Hamidah Akhtar Saleem Sahibah passed away on January 19, 2021, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un. She was mother of Abdus Salam Malik Sahib and Razia Javed Malik Sahibah of Columbus Jama'at. She was born on December 10, 1928 in Aiman Abad, Pakistan, to Late Malik Mohammad Din Sahib and Zohra Khatoon Sahibah. Her parents accepted Ahmadiyyat, in their teens, in the time of the second Khalifah. She completed her BA from Government College, Lahore, Pakistan in 1946. She got married in 1947 and moved to Delhi (she was married and lived with her beloved husband for 70+ years till his demise on November 10, 2017). After partition of India, she moved to Karachi where she had 8 children (6 boys and 2 daughters). She moved to Rawalpindi in 1972 and then to Islamabad in 1982. She visited the USA in 1978 and then migrated to the USA in 1987 where she lived with her children in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

She was a devout Ahmadi and a Musiyah with a deep, sincere and selfless attachment to Khilafat and the Jama'at. Her house in Karachi was a Salaat center for several years. She was God fearing, disciplined, selfless, fearless, tireless, resilient and

We invoke blessings on the Chief of Prophets, Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa [the Chosen One], on his progeny and on his Companions. Through him God guided an entire world that had lost its way to the right path. He was the teacher and the benefactor who led misguided people back to the right path; the benevolent and compassionate one who delivered people from Shirk [polytheism] and the curse of idols; the light and the disseminator of light who illuminated the world with the light of Tauhid [Oneness of God]; the healer and physician who enabled ailing hearts to tread the path of righteousness; the noble miracle-worker who revived the dead with the elixir of life; the merciful and compassionate one who suffered pain and sorrow for his Ummah; the valiant and the brave one who rescued us from the jaws of death; the humble and selfless one who bowed his head before his Lord in total submission and completely annihilated his self; the perfect believer in the Oneness of God and the ocean of knowledge who was overawed by

compassionate (for family, friends and strangers alike). Regularity in Salaat and recitation of the Holy Qur'an was in her DNA. She served the Jama'at for 50+ years (in Karachi, Islamabad and then in Philadelphia). Tarbiyat of self and others was her forte and spiritual and educational excellence was her counsel. She put her trust in Allah and dedicated her life and leisure for her family and Jama'at.

She instilled these attributes in her children, siblings and others around her through her enviable personal example. She is survived by 7 children (5 sons and 2 daughters) and 49 grand and great-grand-children in the USA, UK, and Ireland. Allah blessed her with an offspring that includes 1 life devotee, 13 Waqifin-e-Nau, several former and current servants of Jama'at and auxiliary organizations, doctors, lawyers, engineers, educators and businessmen.

May Allah elevate the status of these departed souls in paradise, Ameen!

16. While Ascending

(a) Allahu Akbaru

(a) Allah is the Greatest

۱۶۔ بلندی پر چڑھنے کی دعائیں

(۱) اَللّٰهُ اَكْبَرُ

اللہ سب سے بڑا ہے۔

Please memorize and recite this prayer in your daily life.



The Prophet (ﷺ) stated, "Do not calculate when spending in the way of Allah, or Allah will give you in the same manner, but spend as much as you can" (Bukhari).

nothing except the Majesty of God and saw everything beside Him as worthless; and the miracle of divine power who, despite being unlettered, surpassed all in respect of divine knowledge and brought home to all nations the errors and mistakes from which they suffered. (Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya Parts 1-2, p. 25-26)

As this Prophet Prince [Jesus] came to the world in a state of modesty and humility — setting an example for the world in modesty, humility and forbearance — God has willed to raise me in the present age among those who are bereft of heavenly morals in the likeness of this Prophet Prince of Allah; I too hail from a noble and ruling family, and my apparent circumstances also closely resemble his. Thus, on account of this, God willed that I, too, live a modest and simple life in the world. (The Truth Unveiled, p. 20)



Pictures: Portrait of Noorul Haq Khan Sahib and funeral (top two pictures) and funeral of Hamidah Akhtar Saleem Sahibah (bottom two pictures).

Announcements:

- Daily Dars at 8 pm (Mon-Fri) via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/daily-dars>
- Send a letter to Huzoor (aba) via fax: <http://services.amccolumbus.org/fax.aspx>
- Online Jama'at Chanda Portal: <http://chanda.ahmadiyya.us/>

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