



Summary Friday Sermon 20 January 2023

And say not of those who are killed in the cause of Allah that they are dead; nay, they are living; only you perceive not. And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient. Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, 'Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' It is these on whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy, and it is these who are rightly guided. [2:155-158]

In the Jama'at, the sacrifice of one's life began with the sacrifice of Hazrat Sahibzada Abdul Latif Shaheed^{ra}. Generally, it remained in the lives of Ahmadi in Pakistan and the subcontinent. In Africa, an Ahmadi presented the sacrifice of his life in 2005 in Congo for the sake of the Jama'at. But a few days ago, the astonishing example of sincerity of faith and conviction of belief of Ahmadi in Burkina Faso, a country in Africa, is remarkable. They were given an opportunity to save their lives by rejecting the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (as). But they did not bargain for their lives in order to save themselves and one after the other made this ultimate sacrifice. After the sacrifice of Sahibzada Sahib, they have written a new account through their sacrifices in the world of Ahmadiyyat. They have attained an ever-lasting life by sacrificing their worldly lives. Those who, when they made the pledge to sacrifice their life, wealth and time, also fulfilled it and left behind those who came before them. May Allah the Almighty make each and every one of them the recipient of the glad tidings given by God to those present sacrifices in His cause.

On January 11, in Mahdi Abad Jama'at in Dori, a town in Burkina Faso, 8 terrorists entered the Mosque at Isha prayer and martyred 9 Ahmadi one by one due to not rejecting Islam Ahmadiyyat. The terrorists asked a few questions about the Jama'at and then proceeded to divide the members in groups according to their age. Then took the Ansar members out in the courtyard of the Mosque and asked them to reject the Jama'at. Upon not complying with their demand, first they martyred Imam Sahib and then the others one by one. There were twin brothers amongst the martyrs as well. At the last when the youngest amongst the Ansar was given a chance to reject, he also followed in the footsteps of his elders upon which he was also martyred. The terrorists remained in the Mosque for about one and a half hours. After this incident, there was an atmosphere of such fear in the town that the bodies of the martyrs remained in the Mosque until the morning and the burial of the martyrs took place on the next day.

After this Huzoor Anwar (aa) presented an introduction of all the martyrs. And also mentioned the circumstances of the acceptance of Ahmadiyyat of Imam Ibrahim Bidga

Sahib. He was a courageous person and had many students. Two of the martyrs were twin brothers Hasan Agmali and Hussain Agmali, and they were also with Imam Sahib when they went out to research about the Jama'at before becoming Ahmadis. They came to this world together and departed together as well. Aguma Abdur Rahman Sahib Shaheed was the youngest amongst them and was also the Na'ib Imam. May Allah also increase their children and families in faith and sincerity. May Allah grant all the grieving families patience and strength. Ameen!

In order to fulfil the needs of the families of the martyrs, in Khilafat Rabia, Bilal fund was established. If anyone would like to present anything for the affected families, they should do so through this fund.

Aside from these martyrs, Huzoor Anwar (aa) also mentioned two members of USA Jama'at who passed away. Dr. Karimullah Zervi Sahib and his wife who passed away two days after the demise of her husband. She was the daughter of Malik Saifur Rahman Sahib. May Allah have mercy on the deceased and grant them forgiveness. Amin!