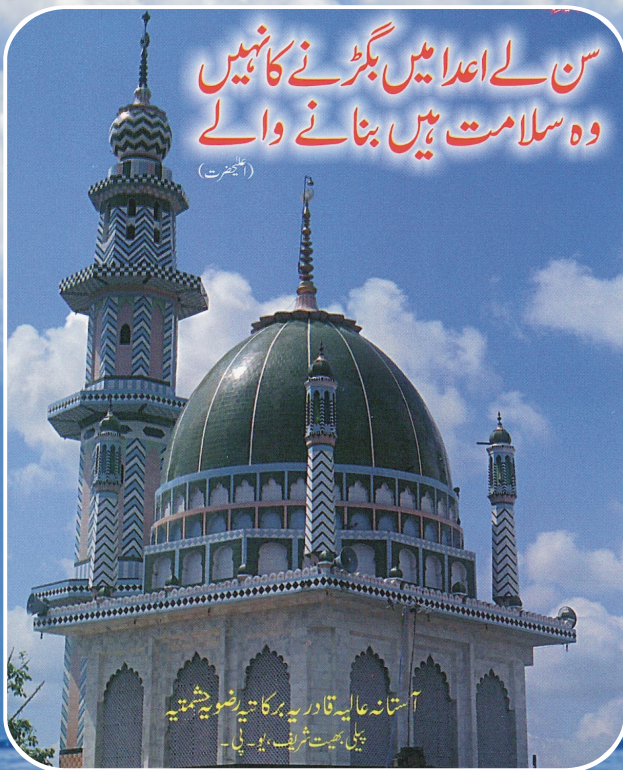


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*Rang Laayi Hain Phir Meri Be Baakiyan  
Jazba'e Shauq Mera Salaamat Rahe*

*Dil Me Tasveer Jaana Rahe is Tarah  
Jaise Gulshan me Phoolo Ki Nakhat Rahe*

A personality who is regarded amongst the best of his era, is not only regarded as being of great stature, respectable and honorable, because his disciples, devotees, well-wishers, friends and relatives pay tribute to him by praising him and honoring him after his passing away, but his actual excellence and status becomes really evident through the views, words and writings of the distinguished and learned Ulama, Masha'ikh and Muftis etc. of his era.

His actual excellence can be seen by the manner in which the learned scholars of Deen turn towards him in their times of need and by the manner in which they address him and the titles that they bestow upon him in their writings and letters.

Sometimes, even those who have a difference of opinion to him in certain issues are found praising him. From all these, the true excellence of a personality can be ascertained.

From amongst such well-known and distinguished personalities, is Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Khalifa-e-Aala Hazrat Munaazir'e A'zam Rahbar-e-Shariat Murshid'e Tariqat Mazhar'e Aala Hazrat Allama Maulana Mufti Hashmat Ali Khan (alaihir rahma wa ridwaan). This is the name of such a blessed and exalted personality who

spread the fragrance and radiance of Imaan and righteousness with complete dedication, until his last breath.

Those who listened to him as an orator were blessed with the riches of Imaan and Aqida which flowed from his words. His lectures were drowned in the love of the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu alaihi wasallam) quenching the thirst of those seeking to attain this love.

He adorned the hearts of the people with the love of the Awliyah Allah and in doing so, he warned them of the **“Thieves of Imaan”** in order to protect the Imaan of the believers against these thieves.

His tongue was like a naked sword and his words dissected the false beliefs of the corrupt sects as he struck them with his bright proofs, yet the very same tongue flowed with words of love and comfort to the true believers.

***Wo Apne Khalwat-o-Jalwat me Ku'e Istiqaamat Thaa  
Wo Apno Ke Liye Har Lamha Ikhlās-o-Muhabbat Thaa***

***A'doo-e-Deen'o Imaan Ke Liye Wo Ghaiz-o-Shid'dat Thaa  
Haqeeqat Me Wo Thaa Ek Jaama'e Awsaf Insaani***

***Wo Sher Be'sha Ahl-e-Sunnan Maqbool-e-Rab'baani  
Laraz Jaata Thaa Jin Ka Naam Sunkar Makr-e-Shaitaani***

Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma), with all his blessed qualities and grandeur, spent his entire life striving against and debating the corrupt sects. He spent all his time battling those who made blasphemy in the Court of Almighty Allah and the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu alaihi wasallam).

He had dedicated his entire life to this mission of protecting the truth and stopping any attacks on the personality of the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu alaihi wasallam).

Since his era was the one in which the corruption of the wahabi and najdi menace was rife, he debated and combatted this with vigor and with his knowledge and wisdom. He even debated and combatted the other corrupt sects in his era such as the Naichris, Qadianis, Chakralvis, Khaaksaaris, and Bahais etc.

He also fought against the corrupt Arya Shud'hi movement and Alhumdulillah, he was completely successful in every debate. He never failed or lost any debate.

Hazrat was well-known for his wisdom and debating techniques. There was none like him in this field in his era. Approximately sixty of his debates have been recorded in written format and also published and scores of other debates have been narrated by witnesses who heard his debates and informed those after them about these. Based on his determination and dedication, he was as firm as a mountain in his striving.

There were such testing instances where many others did not even dare to enter into confrontation, but he went into these debates without any fear and announced the truth. He had only one policy and he lived by this policy:

***Chut Jaa'e agar Daulat-e-Kaunain  
To Kya Ghum***

***Choote Na Kabhi Haath se  
Daamaan-e-Muhammad  
(Sall Allahu alaihi wasallam)***

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Ubaidur Raza  
Muhammad Hashmat Ali Khan  
Radi Allahu Anhu***

*Gulistaa dar Gulistaa Tazkira Hain  
Iyaa Rudaad-e-Ulfat Hogayi He*

***Ja Nasheen-e-A'la Hazrat Huj'jatul Islam  
Hazrat Allama Ash Shah Muhammad  
Haamid Raza Khan (alaihir rahma)***

“From amongst the blessings which Almighty Allah has bestowed upon me, two such great blessings are Hazrat Maulana Sardaar Ahmed and Hazrat Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb”

***Taajedaar-e-Ahle Sunnat  
Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind  
(radi Allahu anhu)***

“From amongst the Khulafa of A'la Hazrat (radi Allahu anhu), the services that Mazhar'e A'la Hazrat, Asadul Millat, Naasir'e Ahle Sunnat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Hazrat Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan (radi Allahu anhu) accomplished, will not be able to be done even by one hundred and fifty Molvis together.”

***Taajedaar'e Marehrah Huzoor Sanadul Hukma  
Sayyidul Ulama Sayyid Aale Mustafa Saaheb  
Qaadri Barkaati (alaihir rahma)***

The very first time I saw Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (rahmatullahi alaihi), he was nineteen years old and I was only a boy of eight years old.

He had arrived from Bareilly Shareef to meet my respected uncle Taajul Ulama, Siraajul Urafa Taajedaar-e-Masnad-e-Barkaatiyah Hazrat Maulana Mufti Haafiz Shah Sayyid Awlaad-e-Rasool



Muhammad Mia Saaheb Qibla Qaadri (alaihir rahma) and to invite him to a jalsa that was to take place.

However, Hazrat Taajul Ulama (rahmatullahi alaihi) had already left for a Jalsa in Farkabaad and my beloved Murshid Hazrat Qudwatul Kumala Zubdatul Asfiya Shah Sayyid Abul Qasim Ismaeel Hassan who was known as Hazrat Shah Jee (rahmatullahi alaihi) was at home.

My maternal grandfather had become very weak due to age and used to spend most of his time inside the house. He said to me, ***'Molvi Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb has come to meet with your uncle. Let him rest in the house and arrange for him to spend the night.'***

Now in my old age, that entire scenario is before me. I remember how I went into the house and took him his meal and made sure that he had eaten well. I remember when I told him my uncle had gone to Farkabaad and that Mia (Shah Jee rahmatullahi alaihi) had mentioned that he should not leave without meeting with him.

This was the first opportunity I had to present myself before him and it was our first meeting. After this, our connection increased in such a manner that if Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat spent fifteen days in Bareilly and fifteen days in Lucknow, then he would also spend ten days in Marehrah Shareef.

I also remember that day very well, when my Peer-o-Murshid sat on the ground facing the Qibla and then asked Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat to sit before him in the same manner, but to face him and sit with his knees against his.

When the two of them sat in this manner, my Peer-o-Murshid Hazrat Sayyid Abul Qaasim (rahmatullahi alaih) said,

***“I give you Ijaazat and Khilaafat in Silsila Aaliyah Qaadria Chishtia Suharwardia Naqshbandiya and all the merits, and spiritual excellences that have been bestowed upon me from my spiritual masters. I pass all these on to you which are the merits awarded to me from Khanqaah-e-Barkaatiyah.”***

I also remember that on receiving this great blessing Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat placed his head on the lap of Hazrat and Hazrat placed his hand over the head of Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma).

None from amongst you knows the close relationship that Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat had to my family and my household and none of you will be able to understand this closeness.

There was one person in Bombay who knew of this closeness and he too has passed away. He was my spiritual brother Munshi Mustafa Khan Saaheb Paan Waale.

He was one person who knew and one other person now comes to mind who knew of this closeness, and that was the brother of Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat, namely Mujaahid-e-Ahle Sunnat Hazrat Maulana Mufti Mahboob Ali Khan Saaheb.

May Allah grant him long life. He also knew well the relationship of Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat to our family.

I have no fear in saying that Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat is also my respected Ustaad. He came to Khanqaah-e-Barkaatiyah once for an entire month and during this time; I studied fourteen lessons from Tafseer-e-Jalaalain, Noorul Anwaar, Qutbi with Meer and

Sharah Waqayah from Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (rahmatullahi alaih).

When I say that I studied fourteen lessons of each under his tutorship, I mean that I actually sat with these distinguished books before him and sat respectfully before him as a student and learnt from him.

It was after this that my life really began. After spending time with Hazrat, listening to him, watching his ways etc. his styles and ways entered me, especially in my manner of orating and in how I thought and understood different concepts.

This way, and manner which you find in me and in my lectures, are really that of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (rahmatullahi alaih).

Just four years ago, I went to Darul Uloom Ahle Sunnat Shah Aalam in Ahmedabaad as an examiner. During that time, the Sheikul Hadith was Allama Abdul Mustafa A'zmi.

There were just a few days left for Shab'be Baraaat, so he had arranged for a lecture programme there. I delivered a lecture and probably that was the longest lecture I had given in my life. I sat down to deliver my lecture at 8.45pm and stood up at 4am to read Durood-o-Salaam.

Even the little children of Ahmedabaad know that after I had delivered my lecture, Ajmalul Ulama Hazrat Maulana Ajmal Shah Saaheb Sambhali Daamat barkaatuhum said,

***“Mia, Today you have reminded me of Maulana  
Hashmat Ali Saaheb”***

I simply replied to him by saying,

***“It is true. The mannerism of the father falls upon his son and the mannerism of a great teacher falls upon his student, thus if today you remembered him by listening to me, there is nothing amazing about that.”***

Today he is not amongst us; his physical body is not before us. The physical body is only like a cage that is holding the soul, like a bird but realize this fact, that his spiritual blessings will always remain with us and the blessings of his soul shall always be a helper to the Ahle Sunnat Wa Jama'at.

The Blessings that he has left behind will always continue to flow. This is a very happy occasion as very seldom it is such that when a person wakes up, he leaves an impression where he was sitting. He left behind his biological descendants and his spiritual descendants (successors).

People like myself are his spiritual descendants and my beloved child Maulana Mushaahid Raza Khan Saaheb is his eldest son who has Alhumdulillahi Rabbil Aalameen graduated three years ago from Darul Uloom Misbahul Uloom Ashrafiyah Mubarakpur.

This means that Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat's throne will not be left empty but his knowledge and wisdom will flow through his son and his successor.

I must also mention that I received Hazrat's last letter just in Ramadaan and with it was a ten (10) rupee postal order which Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat had blessed me with.

It was written in the letter, “Hazrat! You know that I have directed all my efforts to the service of Sunniyat and in this was my Deen as well as my world, but today I am ill, thus all those doors are closed.

However, my beloved Jama’at Sunni Jami’atul Ulama (India) sent me an appeal form, so I have thus sent from my assistance fund ten rupees for two months as a gift to them.”

After receiving this letter, I sent a Naqsh (Ta’weez) of the Barkaatiyah Empire to him and I wrote that Aayatul Kursi should be read on it and then worn. In the letter it was also written, “It is the Grace of Allah, that son of mine whom you made your son”

Today, let me openly tell you what this meant. Possibly you have no knowledge of this. His (Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat’s) youngest son, Haafiz Qaari Askari Raza Khan (salamahu) is my foster son as the mother of my children had weaned him as a child and in this way, the wife of Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb, weaned one of my daughters, thus they are both foster (milk) brothers and sisters.

Alhumdulillah Haafiz Qaari Askari Raza Khan is a very well qualified Haafiz and Qaari and he has attained the certificate of merit from Darul Uloom Ashrafiyah. He was always like a son to me, but now, it is clear that he is amongst my children, as he was weaned with my children.

In saying so, I have conviction in my heart that the throne of Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat will never be left empty. If Allah wills and through His Will the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) wills, then the services of Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat will not end but will continue insha Allahu Tabaarak wa Ta’aala through his biological and spiritual sons. Aameen Allahum’ma Aameen.

All of you should try to always make Faateha after all your Salaahs and send the reward of it to Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (rahmatullahi alaih).

Such sadness has fallen upon my heart that it has caused me to lament. Today, I thought that it would be a lengthy Mehfil so I decided to present myself here earlier.

Then some of my sisters came home today and some of the children as well and they always come here to listen to my talks on Aashurah. I told the children of the house to arrange for this programme yesterday as all the other beloved children would be coming.

We were just preparing this, when the Media Secretary of Sunni Jamiatul Ulama, Aasim Ashrafi came to me and spoke to me in a very strange way (as if worried) that I initially could not understand what he was trying to say. Then, he said, "Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat!" When he said that, I immediately remembered that today I had received a letter from Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam (alaihir rahma) and in it Hazrat had mentioned that Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb had come to Bareilly Shareef and was admitted at the Mission Hospital and then went back home. He said that he should be treated at another hospital.

The moment I heard the words Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat, I held my heart. I have a weak heart and I have heart problems. I am not able to hear something shocking and then digest it immediately, be it good or sad news.

Thus, for about fifteen minutes after I heard what had happened, I was not in my proper state of mind. Then afterwards all I could say was ***"In'na lil laahi wa In'na Ilaihi Raaji'oon"***

I pray that Allah Almighty grants us all sabr (patience) and always blesses us with someone in his place and may we be blessed with his blessings forever. *Aameen*

***Ra'ees-e-Orissa, Huzaor Mujaahid-e-Mil'lat,  
Hazrat Allama Maulana Habeebur Rahmaan  
(alaihir rahma)***

*Most Beloved and Most Respected Brother  
Wa alaikumus salaam Wa Rahmatul'laahi Wa Barakaatuhu*

With Praises to Allah, through the Mercy of the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and the blessings of Huzaor Ghaus-e-Azam Jilani (radi Allahu anhu) this humble servant is well. I wish the same for my beloveds and respected ones.

The letter from Bombay has confirmed the very sad news of the Wisaal of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat, Mazhar'e-e-A'la Hazrat alaihimur rahmatu wa ridwaan. I was very much saddened to receive this news.

I received your letter from Ilahabaad requesting me to write something on Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat's (alaihir rahma) life and to share my views on his personality. That part of his life which has to do with the Deen, is so evident and clear that there is really no need to even explain it and it is not dependant on our explanations.

As for the feelings that I have had for him in my heart, then they are feelings which I do not know how to explain and who is there to whom I can really explain them?

This Faqeer is neither a writer nor is he amongst the orators. Even if I were amongst them, it would be difficult to really explain his blessed personality. I will however very briefly give motion to my pen and say a few brief words.

The evident status and excellence of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat are clearly evident and well known and as for his hidden excellences, then this is known to the specially blessed servants.

In this era, the most dangerous and harmful movement to Imaan, is that of deobandism and wahabism, which is trying to show kufr to be Imaan and misled ones to be believers and in doing so causing hundreds and thousands of unsuspecting believers to be misled.

In this special service of combating these forces, the personality of Hazrat (alaihir rahma) is unique in his method of approach and combating this. His passing has left such a vacuum, that to fill it will be very difficult. There were a few instances, when there were some differences between him and this faqeer. Hearts were discontent and a distance formed between us, but then they were resolved.

Finally after being released from Ghazipur Prison (arrested for opposing attack on Islam by government) the people here in my community decided to invite Hazrat to our locality and in doing so, they also sent some money for his traveling arrangements.

This Faqeer presented the request to him. Hazrat did not accept that invitation and returned the traveling funds which were sent to him and preferred at that time to journey to Dinapur. This faqeer was hurt by that.



I mentioned once to Hazrat that in future if my community invites him I will ask them not to send the invite via me as Hazrat does not accept the invitation if it comes from me.

On hearing this, Hazrat was moved by what I said and during our final meeting in District Rasuli in Barabanki where there was a debate against the misled corrupt sect, Hazrat mentioned what I had said.

He asked for forgiveness for his not accepting the invitation with such sincerity and with such feeling that this faqeer felt very ashamed. Finally I had to say, that any disappointment that was present is now completely gone from the heart of this faqeer.

Who knew that this immense love would end in feeling such loss? Now, I always think of that scenario and my heart becomes saddened (missing him). Maybe if I had not met him during that last occasion, I would have not felt this much saddened by his passing away.

Where Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat was well known as Mazhar'e A'la Hazrat and as being the example of Ashidaa'u alal Kufaar, the condition of him being the example of Ruhama'u Bainahum was such that he showed so much kindness and mercy upon a person like myself.

The Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said that the Demise of an Aalim is the Demise of the entire nation and the demise of an Aalim leaves a huge vacuum in the Deen.

Huzoor Hujjatul Islam says:

***Maut-e-Aalim, Maut-e-Aalam Thalma-e-Deen-e-Nabi  
Jaan-e-Too Jaan-e-Jahaa, Jaan-e-Jahaan Bar Too Nisaar***

The passing of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) is a great sadness for Deen and Mazhab and for the true followers of Deen, especially in this difficult time when to find true personalities is so difficult. In'na lil laahi Wa In'na ilaihi Raaji'oon.

I pray that Almighty Allah through the blessing of the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) blesses us with His special closeness and closeness to the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and may we be shaded in the shades of Qaadriyat. Aameen Bi jaahi Habeebihi Alaihi Wa Aalihi wa Sahbihi Wabnihis Salaatuw Wa Tasleem.

With Kind Duas

***Faqeer Muhammad Habeebur Rahmaan Qaadri***

***Khalifa-e-A'la Hazrat, Malikul Ulama  
Hazrat Allama Zafrud'deen Saaheb Razvi  
(alaihir rahma)***

Whilst verifying the Fatwa of Huzoor Mazhar'e-e-A'la Hazrat (alaihir rahma) on Muslim leagues Ajmal Anwaarur Raza, Malikul Ulama writes:

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Haami-e-Deen-e-Mateen, Maahi-e-Sher-e-Mubtadi'een Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Naasir-e-Deen Millat Abul Fatah Maulana Molvi Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb Daamat Fuyuzukum Barkatukum

As Salaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatul'laahi wa Barakaatuhu

I receive your postcard and thus attained heartfelt contentment. Please be sure to send those books which you mentioned in the postcard to me, once they have been printed.

If really, the All India Sunni Conference is supporting the Muslim League, then it is a grave error on their part, as they should remain independent.

There is no doubt that the Maslak of A'la Hazrat Imam Ahle Sunnat (radi Allahu anhu) is true (Haq) and whomsoever remains firm on this way are the righteous ones, whosoever Allah gives taufeeq to do this.

Was salaam

***Faqeer Muhammad Zafrud'deen Qaadri Razvi***

Zafar Manzil

Post Office Mahindru Patna

***Taajedaar-e-Kichaucha***  
***Huzoor Muhadith-e-Azam Hind***  
***(alaihir rahma)***

*Respected Maulana*

*Wa alaikumus salaam Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu*

You have requested for me to write on a card, my feelings about the life and services of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan (alaihir rahma). In other words, you have requested for me to gather the sea into a jug, whereas you know well, that always, the knowledge and excellence of Hazrat has been in the hearts of all and now even on the tongues of the opposition.

His character and behavior was such that not only did he show honour and respect to his seniors, but he also respected those

younger than himself. The manner, in which he conducted himself with every Sunni Sahihul Aqida Muslim, is a minaret of guidance for all, even today. His piety and obedience to the Sunnat is clearly evident from his entire life.

His success was in openly saying that which was righteous, and at the same time openly condemning that which was corrupt. He successfully combated the Christians and the Arya movement, but he is well known by the Deobandis as he brought them to their knees causing their destruction.

Another angle of Maulana's (alaihir rahma) life is the he went through hardships and difficulties, but he remained steadfast and was a strong and firm as a mountain in his mission of righteousness, no matter what the circumstances were. He never feared or winched and remained a shining example of the pious predecessors.

***Faqeer Abul Haamid Sayyid Muhammad Ashrafi Jilani***

***Hazrat Allama Shamsul Ulama Qaazi  
Shamsud'deen Ahmed Saaheb Jaunpuri  
(alaihir rahma)***

*Such sadness we feel at the demise of Maulana Hashmat Ali!  
In'na lil laahi Wa In'na ilaihi Raaji'oon*

There is no doubt that the demise of an Aalim is the demise of an nation and no doubt leaves a vacuum in the Deen. The vacuum that has been left by the passing away this Lion of Righteousness can never be filled, for those of us who leave in reality do not leave a successor equal to him self.

In this difficult and testing time, his services are those which are worthy of being inscribed in gold letters and that which he did for the benefit of the Ummah can never be forgotten, especially, announcing the truth and combating the corrupt sects.

He was never afraid of anyone when it came to saying that which was the truth and there was none who could stop him from doing this. His intelligence and knowledge was such that he even knew the actual quotations from the books of the opposition by memory. When in confrontation with the opposition, each one of them, even the ones regarded as eloquent amongst them, seemed like a kindergarten child before him.

***Ustazul Ulama Haafiz-e-Mil'lat Muhadith-e-  
Mubarakpur Allama Mufti Ash Shah  
Abdul Azeez (alaihir rahma)***

*My Beloved and Respected Maulana Mushtaq Ahmed Nizami Saaheb  
Wa alaikumus salaam wa Rahmatuhu*

I received your letter with the request to write something as tribute to Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma). The reality of the matter is that it is such a feeling and condition I am feeling by his demise, that I cannot find words to describe this. The emotions that I am feeling cannot be put into words, but I will try to write a few words.

The passing of Haami-e-Sunnat Maahi-e-Bid'at Sar Shikne Najdiyat Sultaanul Muqarireen Imamul Munaazireen Shaheed-e-Millat Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Al Haaj Maulana Shah Abul Fatah Muhammad Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb Qibla (alaihir

rahmatu wa ridwaan) is such a great sadness that it has caused much grief in the world of the Ahle Sunnat.

It feels as if a mountain has fallen upon us and it is a sadness that has left such a wound on the heart that it will remain forever. His demise has caused a huge vacuum. The world can be seen mourning. ***In'na lil laahi Wa In'na Ilaihi Raaji'oon***

His personality is one that needed no introduction in the Sunni World. His personality was not only known throughout India but he held a unique position on the international and global stage as well.

He silenced the Wahabi movement, eradicated the so-called gardens or deoband and caused the ground to tremble under the forts of the Najdis.

The Deobandis sent their best to debate with him but none was successful before Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma). The well recognized Najdi Debaters trembled just by hearing the name of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma).

In which ever direction Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat went, he openly announced the truth and spread righteousness. His services to Islam are such that even though he has passed on, his services will remain known and praised forever.

There was none equal to him in his era when it came to combating the corrupt and false sects. He spent his entire life serving the Deen with sincerity and dedication.

May Allah reward him with the best reward for his services and may Allah bless him with a special place in His Mercy, granting him an exalted place in Jannatul Firdaus. May He bless his sons

and family members and all those associated with them, with patience and reward for their patience.

*Aameen Bi jaahi Habeebihi Alaihi Wa Aalihi wa Sahbihi Wabnihis Salaatuw Wa Tasleem.*

***Khalifa-e-A'la Hazrat,  
Hazrat Allama Abdul Aziz  
Saaheb Qibla Qaadri Razvi  
(alaihir rahma)***

***Sheikhul Hadith Darul Uloom Manzar-e-Islam  
Bareilly Shareef***

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*As Salaamu Alaikum wa Wa Rahmatuhu Wa Barakaatuhu*

I received your parcel via post. I also received before this, the book Ajmal Anwaarur Raza by the hands of Mansoor (salamahu). Alhumdulillah I perused both books which you had sent. I was very pleased and felt very content after reading them.

May Almighty Allah Aleem, Hakeem Tabaarak wa Ta'aala grant victory to those who have true feeling for the religion through His Divine Help and May He protect the Supporters of Sunnat and the Pure Shariat from the mischief and corruption of the apostates and the enemies of religion, by granting swift victory to the righteous ones.

***Abdul Aziz Al Qaadri Ar Razvi***

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May Almighty Allah bless Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Haafiz wa Muhaafiz-e-Deen-o-Millat Molvi Abul Fatah Ubaidur Raza Haafiz Muhammad Hashmati Ali Khan Saaheb with a wonderful reward on behalf of the Ahle Deen and Ahle Taqwa.

May the Muslims in general and specifically the devotees of Imamul Muslimeen Mujaddid-e-Millat Wad Deen A'la Hazrat (radi Allahu anhu) be granted the opportunity to act on this, as the great personality (Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat) was amongst those who in this era of corruption and confusion faced the storms of opposition and stood steadfast in supporting the truth and the righteous way.

He is a personality who protected the unsuspecting Muslims from the corruption of the corrupt and the mischief of the enemy. His fearlessness and boldness against the enemies shows that undoubtedly he was the flag bearer of Razviyat and one of the true representatives of A'la Hazrat (radi Allahu anhu).

My heart, my mind, my justice and intellect tells me that in his last advise to the people, when A'la Hazrat said that, "Allah will definitely send someone to stand up for the protection of the



Deen”, I think he referred to Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma)

***Khalifa-e-A’la Hazrat, Hazrat Allama Maulana  
Mahmood Jaan Saaheb Peshawari  
Jamjodhpuri Kaatyawari  
(alaihir rahma)***

Allah’s name I begin with. This humble faqeer has seen the book Ajmal Anwaarur Raza and I have had the opportunity to read through it as well. Alhumdulillah I have found the said book to be excellent in fulfilling the intention and a clear explanation of the truth and in accordance with the Mazhab of the Ahle Sunnat Wa Jama’at.

I pray that Almighty Allah blesses Hazrat Sher Be’sha Ahle Sunnat Mazhar’e-e-A’la Hazrat Maulana Molvi Haafiz Qaari Mufti Muhammad Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb Qadri Barkaati Razvi Qibla Daamat Barkaatuhumul Aaliyah with immense reward and blessings for the services which he has rendered.

***Hazrat Allama Sheikh-e-Tariqat  
Al Haaj Abdul Haq Saaheb Qibla***

In the blessed Court of Hazrat Qibla Maulana Molvi Hashmat Ali Khan Daama Zil’luhu.

After salaam and respects, I must respectfully mention that I managed to peruse your book Ajmal Anwaarur Raza. After reading it, my heart was very pleased. Verily all that which you have mentioned in there is in the light of the Holy Quran and Hadith Shareef and all Muslims should humble ourselves and accept that which you have written. This was the true and righteous path for the Muslims, for with the exception of those who are Ahle Sunnat Wa Jama'at, unity should not be made with any others.

***Ghazaali-e-Daura Hazrat Allama Ahmad  
Saeed Kaazmi Saaheb Qibla  
(alaihir rahma)***

In the July 1960 issue of “As Saeed” magazine, he said the following: “Imamul Munaazireen Hazrat Maulana Alhaaj Al Haafiz Muhammad Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb Qaadri Razvi lucknowi (alaihir rahma) was ill for a lengthy time and then on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1960 he passed away in Philibit.

Hazrat Maulana (alaihir rahma) was the example of A’la Hazrat (radi Allahu anhu) in knowledge, wisdom, piety and firmness in Maslak. In other words, he was Mazhar’e A’la Hazrat. In the field of debating and combating the misled sects, none can be seen who would really be able to take the special position which was awarded to Hazrat Maulana (alaihir rahma).”

***Hazrat Allama Noorul’laah Saaheb  
Sheikhul Hadith, Madrassa Fareedia,  
Basarpur Pakistan***

He says as follows in his magazine Mukabirus Saut: “From all the references provided, it is evident that the personality of Hazrat Sher

Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Hazrat Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan (alaihir rahma) is not unrecognized and the Learned Scholars and distinguished Ulama and Masha'ikh Ahle Sunnat have acknowledged his blessed and great services and all are praising his memorable works."

***Ahle Sunnat Ki Tujh Se Yahī he Dua  
Baagh Maulana Hashmat Ali Ai Khuda***

***Taa Qiyaamat Rahe Yun Hara aur Bhara  
Faiz Paate Rahain Un se Sunni Sadaa***

***Mazhar-e-Shah'e Ahmad Raza Aap Hain  
Waarīs-e-Sayyidul Ambiya Aap Hain***

## ***The Propagational Tours Of Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat***

***By Naqeeb'e Ahle Sunnat Maulana Haaji Ali  
Muhammad Saaheb Dhawraaji (alaihir rahma)***

***Nahi he Peer Maikhaana Magar Faizaan Baaqi He  
Abhi Tuk Maikade se Bu'e Irfaani Nahee Jaati***

It is my good fortune that I had accompanied Imamul Munaazireen Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Mazhar'e-e-A'la Hazrat (alaihir rahma) on numerous of his propagational tours and he would also be very kind and generous towards me.

There is hardly a tour of Gujarat or Kaatyawaar, where Hazrat had not taken me with him as his khaadim. These areas and communities even today are saddened and tearful in the loss of Hazrat.

In 1947, after the distribution of India, the Wahabis and Deobandis realized that their time had come and thus began stirring up issues in Gujrat to contain the spread of Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamaat and I began to receive letters from all over Gujrat. I immediately informed Hazrat of the situation in Gujrat and without any delay Hazrat accepted my invitation and journeyed to Gujrat.

A three day successful conference was held during this time. After this, huge gatherings were hosted in Nabipur, Baroda, Patela and Surat etc, in which my lion Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat destroyed the corrupt beliefs of these corrupt sects. After this, the Sunnis of Gujrat became bold and fearless and were overjoyed by their victory.

Then, in 1950 Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat toured here again which caused the foundations of the wahabi movement to tremble and Sunniat began to blossom swiftly. In 1952 I went to Bombay for the Muharram Majaalis and during this time Imamul Munaazireen mentioned to Janaab Haaji Abu Bakr reshm Waale that a branch of Jama'at-e-Raza-e-Mustafa should be opened in Gujrat and during this time a joint committee was formed in Chamna Bouchar Street where I was given the opportunity of joining the Jama'at and it was announced in the newspaper about my position.

In 1952, I started recruiting members to our organization and up to this day I am doing the same and during this time on behalf of Jamaat-e-Raza-e-Mustafa (Gujrat) numerous conferences were held, wherein numerous senior and learned Ulama of Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamaat were present.

In 1954 the Jama'at had its first conference in Rajpela. Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma) was present at the conference

and delivered such powerful lectures that the wahabi/deobandi quarters were in disarray.

When they realized the damage that had been done to their false movement, Molvi Abdur Rahim Rajpuri who was a deobandi leader in that area, published posters objecting to the lectures of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) and asked why they were being called kaafir?

After this, Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat was invited to the Dargah Shareef of Hazrat Khaja Daana (alaihir rahma) which is very famous in Surat, where he again delivered lectures combating the false wahabi beliefs. The Wahabis went up to the authorities to complaint against his lectures, but this too was in vain as the lectures of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat could not be stopped.

After this tour of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) Hazrat Muhadith A'zam Hind and Allama Mushtaq Ahmed Nizami arrived in Surat and went to little villages and big towns, following in the footsteps of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) bringing a new fragrance to the gardens of Sunnat.

In 1958 the second conference of the Jama'at was held at the Eid Gaah in Bharuch. The Editor of the "Paasbaan" magazine could not come to the conference due to certain commitments. The Wahabis took advantage of this and pulled out posters against Allama Mushtaq Ahmed Nizami. This poster was against that lecture of Allama Nizami, the Editor of Paasbaan, which he had given in 1957.

This poster was presented to Mazhar'e-e-A'la Hazrat, Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma). On seeing what had been written in it, Hazrat said, "Boiling in stale Kar'hee" In other words suddenly they found something to argue about. That night, Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat delivered such powerful lectures that it

brought complete silence in the lines of the Wahabis. The Jalsa echoed with Na'ra-e-Takbeer and Na'ra-e-Risaalat.

After this, the Sunnis of Bharuch informed Allama Nizami of the said poster, so the Editor of Paasbaan left everything and immediately came to Gujrat and delivered such lectures that the Wahabis had no answer.

They did not come in front, but tried to have Allama Nizami arrested and his lectures banned, but Alhumdulillah, Wahabism was unsuccessful and Allama Nizami Saaheb continued delivering his series of lectures without any interference. I remember during one of the lectures Allama Nizami Saaheb commenced with this stanza:

***Raqeebo ne Report Likhwayi he Ja Ja Ke Thaane Me  
Ke Akbar Naam Leta He Khuda Ka Is Zamaane Me***

At the Eid Gaah, the Lecture that Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma) delivered in support of Allama Nizami was so full of knowledge that even today I can hear his words echo in my ears. Then, in 1958 the Sunnis of Jaamnagar invited Imamul Munaazireen to their locality.

I had gone there about eight days before. Hazrat arrived there and again a series of dynamic functions took place. After this, gatherings were held in Dhoraji, Upleta, Gondal, Junagardh, Porbandar and Rajkot etc.

The truth of the matter is that in which ever direction my lion went, there the flag of Sunniat began to fly high.

Then, in 1959, he came to Borsad during the blessed occasion of Gyarwee Shareef. After this, on the request of the Sunni communities, he journeyed to Parosarh, Maandal and Weeram

Gaun etc. After this, there were a few conferences in 1960. I again invited Hazrat, but he replied by saying that he was now not in the condition to travel. I was saddened as I knew that the passions amongst the people will not be the same.

The Conference however took place and Alhumdulillah, Huzoor Mufti-e-A'zam Hind, Muhadith A'zam, Mujaahid-e-Millat, Sayyidul Ulama, Sher'e Dakan, Mufti-e-Malwa and Pasbaan'e Millat all came to this conference wherein they all made special dua for the health and recovery of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma). After the conference, on the invitation of the people of Jaamnagar, Huzoor Mujahid-e-Millat, Sayyidul Ulama, Mufti-e-Malwah etc. came here. Unfortunately on that trip Allama Nizami Saaheb could not be present due to heart ailment. He went to Ahmedabaad and Bombay and then had to return to Ilahabad.

No matter what we say it can not show how sad we felt on the wisaal of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma). A very great personality from amongst us had been taken away. The strength in our arms was going away. I pray that Allah grants him closeness in His Mercy and grants his family and those associated with him patience and may we be blessed with following in his footsteps. *Aameen! Aameen*

***Kaun Is Baagh Se Ai Baad'e Sabaa Jaata He  
Rang'e Rukhsaar se Phoolo Ke Ur'ra Jaata He***

***Paasbaan-e-Millat, Hazrat Allama  
Mushtaq Ahmed Nizami Saaheb  
(alaihir rahma)***

***Hazaaro Saal Nargis Apni Be Noori Pe Rauti He  
Bari Mushkil Se Hota he Chaman Me Deeda war Paida***

Don't ask about the unpredictability of life as it is the cause of sedition, for it comes with the crowds of happiness and hope and yet after it leaves this flowery and drenched world, it leaves thousands in sadness, mourning in agony. This is the actual meaning of what we call Dunya (Materialistic World).

There is happiness and rejoicing on the birth of someone and yet there is sadness and mourning on the demise of someone else, but there are few who come into this world, who become the hope and love of hundreds of thousands of people and when they leave, then not only do they leave a tribe or a family or a city but they leave the entire East and West with sadness in their hearts, mourning at their demise.

From amongst such wonderful personalities, one such personality was Munaazir'e A'zam, Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat, Mazhar'e A'la Hazrat Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb (rahmatullahi alaih), who came as the hope and expectation of an entire nation and when he left us, he left millions sobbing in his loss.

Do not ask about the pain and sadness of my heart that has faced the sadness of so many great Akaabireen leaving this world in a short space of time.

***Ahd-e-Maazi Ghazab he Yaa Rub  
Cheen Le Mujh se Haafiza Mera***

Just turn over a few pages from the Book of my Life and you will notice how so many of our beloveds have left this world in a short time. It just seems like yesterday, when Millat Islamia Hujjatul Islam Hazrat Maulana Haamid Raza Khan Saaheb (rahmatullahi alaih) passed away causing so much grief and sadness.



My tears had not yet dried off properly due to his demise, that the distinguished author of Bahaar-e-Shariat Sadrush Shariah Maulana Amjad Ali Saaheb and Mufasssir-e-Quran Sadrul Afaadil Maulana Naeemud'deen Muradabadi (rahmatullahi ta aala alaihim) who were the sun and moon of the skies of excellence and knowledge, both passed from this world one after the other.

The sadness and weight of their passing had not yet become less on my heart, when, Shaheed-e-Ishq, Mubligh-e-Islam, Sayaah-e-Aalam Maulana Abdul Aleem Siddiqui (rahmatullahi alaihi) passed from this world and was laid to rest near the Green Dome of the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam).

His demise brought sadness not only to the hearts of Muslims in India, but to the people of Europe, Africa and Asia. These are those Akaabireen of ours that even the opposition was forced to finally praise them.

The Muslim world was still in tears due to his demise when suddenly Sheikhul Islam Hazrat Maulana Abdul Qadeer Badayuni (rahmatullahi alaihi) passed away. We were still trying to hold ourselves together when Munaazir'e A'zam Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Mazhar'e A'la Hazrat Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan Saaheb (rahmatullahi alaihi) that our world of patience and hope was crushed before us. Now our condition was such:

***Nasheman Phookne Waale Hamaari Zindagi Ye He  
Kabhi Rau'e Kabhi Sajde Kiye Khaake Nasheman Me***

Whatever is being written below are just a few tears that have fallen from sad eyes, and are being presented as a tribute to him.

It was around 1928/29 that my Ustaad Mujahid'e Millat Maulana Habeebur Rahman Saaheb (alaihir rahma) invited Hazrat Sher

Be'sha Ahle Sunnat to Ilahabad. This was during my days as a student and this was the first time that I had the opportunity of seeing him.

This was the time when Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat had separated himself from the League and congress and was working for the stability of the Maslak. In other words he opposed the splitting of India. I knew of this but I still showed great love and respect for him and kissed his blessed feet when I met him.

There is no doubt that the life of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) was the example of ***“Love for the sake of Allah and Hate for the sake of Allah”*** After embracing him and shaking his blessed hands we sat and spoke for a while. Finally, he embraced me very warmly and then permitted me to leave.

Now, after India had been split. The excitement of the chanting etc. was over. I think it was around 1947/49 when the people of Faizabad invited me to their town. I was to reside at the quarters of Jaame Musjid Taat Shah. I heard that Mazhar'e A'la Hazrat, Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat had come to Faizabad for a case. I think the reality surrounding this case was published under the name Munazirah Bhadrasah or by some other name.

I mentioned to those with whom I was living that I intended to meet with Hazrat but they were not pleased with this. I did not intend to stop on their account and there was no way of anyone stopping me, so I left to meet with Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma). Seeing that I was intent on meeting Hazrat, the Imam of the Jaame Musjid Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Saaheb also accompanied me.

We presented ourselves at the place where Hazrat was residing. Respected Brother Maulana Wajihud'deen Saaheb was also there

with Hazrat. Without salaam or saying anything else, he said to me, “Mushtaq! Come on the right path! Come on the right path” I was very upset with his statement and we exchanged a few harsh words. Hazrat was in the next room smoking Huqqa.

When our voices became a bit loud and the situation was a bit tense, Hazrat emerged and immediately cautioned Maulana Wajihud'deen and then embraced me with much love and said, “Mushtaq is my son. I love Mushtaq like I love my own children.”

The time of Asr had come and Imam Saaheb went back to his room. Just a few days after this, a poster arrived from Bareilly Shareef and the heading read in bold letters **“WONDERFUL NEWS”**

In the said poster, it had been announced that there was a disagreement between certain Ulama-e-Ahle Sunnat and Maulana Hashmat Ali Khan and now this has been resolved and they have all come together. On seeing the poster, I immediately told my respected Hazrat Maulana Naemullah Khan Saaheb that we should invited Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) to Ilaahabad and Hazrat accepted our invitation and came to Ilaahabad.

The programme took place at Hassan Manzil and some of the mischievous Wahabis threw stones and bricks at Hazrat whilst he was delivering his discourse. It did not even bother him for a moment and he continue his talk and challenged their beliefs without any fear. The Jalsa ended with Salaam and Dua.

On both sides many people were arrested and there was much confrontation in writing. After this, Hazrat went to numerous other areas to deliver his lectures and I accompanied him on many of these trips. Some of the places he journeyed to were, Bhojpur,

Sambhal, Bombay, Ahmedabad, Ghorakpur, Tulsipur, Faizabaad, Ghousi, Edha etc.

On certain occasions I also had the opportunity of querying certain things with him. I asked Hazrat about certain things in Tahzeerun Naas and Hifzul Imaan etc. and Hazrat explained them to me in detail and this put my mind at ease.

He was very intelligent and wise and a masterful debater. Once we had gone to Ahmedabad for a debate, but the Wahabis had got a court order stopping him from delivering any lectures and canceling the debate. Hazrat was very upset with this and said that if the debate took place then the people would clearly see the truth.

Many people thought that Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) was only a debater, but little did they realize that he was a master in many fields of knowledge.

It is not necessary that if there is a debate on hifzul Imaan that the debate will only be on the word "like this" (which is part of the actual quotation that is recognized as incorrect when with the entire statement).

The debate could be on anything or any part of the (blasphemous statement). It is thus necessary for a debater to be well versed in every field.

It is possible that in the debate the topic that is discussed could deal with Hadith, Usoole Hadith, Fiqh, Usoole Fiqh, Tafseer, Adab, Grammar, Mantiq or Philosophy etc. If a debater does not have proficiency in any of the said subjects, he could be called an eloquent speaker or a very intelligent person, but in reality he will not be regarded as a Debater.

One cannot count how many people Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma) defeated in debates. The elders and most intelligent and so-called witty debaters of the opposition had absolutely no chance against him.

Not only did he defeat them with his eloquence, intellectual capacity and his wit, but with his vast knowledge and understanding or numerous branches of learning which he possessed. He had full faith and conviction in his knowledge and learning. He may not be amongst us physically today, but wherever you go, you will hear about him and this stanza immediately comes to mind:

***Pataa Deti He Shauqi Naqsh-e-Paa Ki  
Koyi Is Raah se Ho Kar Gaya He***

Where ever he went, he raised the flag of Sunnat. He raised the name of Razviyat and sang the praises of Faazil-e-Bareilly (alaihira rahma). He always sang the praise of his predecessors and praised Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (radi Allahu anhu), passed the message of Khaja Ghareeb Nawaaz and hoisted high the flag of Tauheed.

For the sake of the Honour of the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) he was prepared to even put his life on the line. He took the vulgar abuse and didn't flinch even when stones were thrown at him, as this was the only answer the opposition had, but he answered with knowledge and wisdom and clear proof, leaving them shocked and stunned.

***Kaanto me He Ghira Huwa Chaaro Taraf se Phool  
Phir Bhi Khilaa hi Parta he, Kya Khush Mizaaj He***

His existence was a means of great comfort and happiness to us and his passing away has left a huge emptiness in our hearts. What

wasn't he? He was an Aalim, Faazil, Haafiz, Qaari, Muhadith, Faqih, Mantiqi, Falsafi, Mufassir, Adeeb, Sufi, Darvesh, Mujahid and Munazir of his Era. In the field of Qir'at he was an example by himself. Very few in his time could pronounce ***“Walad Daal'leen”*** like the way he did.

He always showed tremendous love and respect for his elders and at the same time showed compassion and caring for those younger than him. When he would go to meet Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (radi Allahu anhu), he would not kiss his feet by touching them with his hands, but he would place his lips on Huzoor Mufti-e-A'zam's feet and kiss them with honour. He was the example of ***“Ashidaa'u alal Kuffaar wa Ruhama'u Bainahum”***

Some people advised me not to publish the life sketch of Hazrat in my monthly Paasbaan Magazine as it will be cause the displeasure of certain people. I said to them and I am now openly announcing this that “Paasbaan” is not my business, but it is the voice of my love and my loyalty. Those who have any objections to the policy of “Paasbaan”, they should move out of our way by themselves. They should not try to change our path.

I pray that Almighty Allah sends us someone like Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) and I pray that my respected Maulana Mushahid Raza Khan Saaheb is made his proper successor. Aameen

I sincerely pray that Almighty Allah grants His closeness and His Mercy to Shaheede Millat who passed from this world In'na lil laahi Wa In'na Ilaihi Raaji'oon, on a Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of Muharram 1380 (3 July 1960). Aameen Bi Jaahi Sayyidil Mursaleen Sall Allahu ta Aala Alaihi Wa Sallam.

***Abr-e-Rahmat Unke Markad Par Gohar Baari Kare'***

***Hashr Tuk Shaane Kareemi Naaz Bardaari Kare***

***Faqihul Hind Hazrat Allama Mufti  
Shareeful Haq Saaheb Amjadi  
(alaihira rahma)***

The distinguished works of the pious predecessors are journals of important lessons and advice to those who come after them. It is for this reason in Islam there has been such importance given to History.

From the Blessed Era of the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) up to this very day the biographies of hundreds and thousands of famous great Muslims have been written and are still present.

Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat Mazhar'e A'la Hazrat (rahmatullahi alaihi) is amongst the foremost personalities in this era that holds such a blessed and special position in history. Unfortunately, no one really paid attention to compiling a detailed book on the life of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma).

One of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat's beloved mureeds, Janaab Master Abdul Wahaab Saaheb Balrampuri noticed this very important shortcoming and he had a booklet published on Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma).

A short booklet can never do justice to the life and works of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma), but in the absence of anything, even something brief is acceptable and beneficial. If the discussion of his life has to be written briefly, like bringing the sea into a jug, then its waves would overflow out of it and this would only be on the character of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma).

Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) was such a blessed personality that he possessed so many great qualities that there are very few people of this stature that can be found. He was such a dynamic orator that he would make a crowd of thousands emotional and passionate with his words.

He had such a beautiful character that if a person met him just once, he would be in his thoughts forever. He was so steadfast in his adherence to the Shariat that leave alone Faraaid and Waajibaat, he never left out Mushtahibaat either at home or whilst on journey. He was so open hearted and content that he never raised his sight to look towards the materialistic wealth of this world.

He was so kind and generous that whatever he earned he spent. He never thought of saving anything for the next day. With all these qualities, there was that one special quality that caused him to shine, causing the world to remember him by the title of "Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat" and this was his steadfastness on Haq (righteousness), His firmness in Deen and him being the example of loving for the sake of Allah and hating for the sake of Allah.

He was unique in his time in clearly and openly announcing the truth and unveiling the corruption of the corrupt. That which he regarded as Haq, he announced it without fear and that which he regarded as corrupt, he went against it and never looked around to notice if anyone supported him or not.



Like a bold and brave Lion he fearlessly caused disarray amongst the corrupt, by firmly announcing the truth and challenging the corrupt beliefs. He did not care if anyone was with him or what others were saying about him or whether anyone was jealous of him or if someone was slandering him.

All this never caused him to move one step back, but rather he moved forward and never allowed any complaint to be heard from himself.

The reality is that Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat was rightfully worthy of being called **“Mazhar'e A'la Hazrat”** (alaihir rahma)

***Tauheed to Ye He Ke Khuda Hashr me Keh De  
Ye Banda Do Aalam se Khafa Mere Liye He***

Master Abdul Wahaab Saaheb Hashmati requested that I too should write something on the life of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) which I am aware of. I personally am a very weak and slow person (Note: This is the writer's humility).

It has been months now since he made the request, but it is difficult to make an excuse and evade this responsibility which Hashmati has given me. This persistence of Master Saaheb has obligated me to write at least a few lines on the said personality. I must thus thank Master Saaheb for this opportunity and I feel honoured to be able to do this.

I am not especially linked through any way (relationship) etc. to Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma), but it is due to his kindness to me that I have a special place in my heart for him. I had the opportunity of traveling in his company on numerous occasions. It is for this reason that I am aware of so many facts

about Hazrat's knowledge, excellence and blessed actions, that to put all this together will take me years, but just to fulfill the request of Master Saaheb, I am putting together only a few such facts.

From Hazrat's unique qualities, one such very special quality is his ability of being a dynamic and masterful Munazir (Debater). Probably there is none that can now be compared to him in this field of Munazira. All those special attributes that are necessary in a Munazir can be found par excellence in Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma).

He had eloquence, superb understanding and the ability to get others to understand, powerful intellect, present mind, readiness in wit, knowledge of present issues and authority in his tone of voice. In all these qualities, he was one of a kind in his era.

He was so fluent in his discourses that he could say that clearly and audibly in two minutes which a person who spoke in at a medium term would say in fifteen minutes, and the beauty of this was that one could clearly hear every word he said.

It is for this reason that if you peruse the transcripts of debates held, you would find that were the opposition's discussion was one page in length, there Hazrat's discussion and answer was in three or three and a half pages, even though according to the principals set out in the debate, both sides get roughly the same amount of time to present their evidence and answers.

Generally one will find that when an orator reaches an emotional high in his lecture, he is likely to make grammatical errors of gender and sequence, but Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) would lecture for three to four hours at a time and I have personally listened to scores of his lectures very attentively and I have never been able to find any such error.

His words were so eloquent that when he read the Khutba to commence his lecture, people would wish he would just go on reading his khutba for the entire night as it sounded so beautiful.

When he would commence reciting a Na'at, every person would wish for him to just continue reciting Na'at Shareef and when he commenced his lecture then all those present would forget everything around them and become so focused on his lectures that the atmosphere would become electrifying.

When he would discuss the excellence and virtues of the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) in his lecture, then without any exaggeration, it would seem as if it was not lecture that you were listening to any longer, but it would seem as if the sweet juice from the fresh dates of Madinah were being squeezed into your ears and its sweetness was reaching the depths of your soul.

When he praised the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) in the presence of the corrupt sects (budmazhabs), then too it did not seem like a lecture any longer, but it seemed like the lightning strikes from the wrath of Allah were falling upon them.

When it came to him spreading the praise of the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), it seemed would seem like he was seated under the shadow of Hazrat Hassan ibn Thaabit (radi Allahu anhu) and when he would direct himself to refuting the false beliefs of the corrupt sects and enemies then it felt as if he was the sharp edge of Zulfiqaar-e-Haidari, (The Sword of Hazrat Ali radi Allahu anhu).

The wahabis always try change the mindset of the unsuspecting Muslims, especially trying to direct them away from realizing their false beliefs and one of the things they are well known for doing is that after the pious servants of Allah pass from this world, they

make up false stories about their demise and they use this to confuse the ignorant people saying that certain person passed away in a certain bad condition etc. and this happened because it is the punishment of Allah which has befallen these Ulama Ahle Sunnat. These mischief makers made Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma) the target of their slander and attacks after his wisaal.

They spread such rumours and false incidents about the demise of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma) that even iblees may have regarded them as his teachers. Some of them even went to the extent of saying that Hazrat's blessed tongue was cut off and removed.

When someone wants to tell a lie, then why should he say such a lie that his lies would win him an international accolade for being a liar? The answer to this is that someone should hold them by their hand and say to them "The curse of Allah is upon liars"

This manner of the budmazhabs to slander the beloveds of Allah and His Rasool (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) is nothing new to us. It is something that they have inherited from those corrupt and evil blasphemers before them. On these issues, to have even a discussion with them will be in vain.

However, for the benefit of the Ahle Sunnat and for their peace of mind, I will present the reality as seen and as narrated by numerous persons who were present at this time.

In the year when Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma) passed away, this servant was at the time in Bareilly Shareef, in the services of Hazrat Mufti-e-Azam Hind (alaihira rahma). Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma) came to Bareilly Shareef with

for medical treatment and thus stayed at the home of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (alaihira rahma).

When I asked how he was feeling, he mentioned that he was fine and only had some discomfort in the throat. I however noticed some weakness on his holy face, but he spoke very clearly without any difficulty at all. With the exception of age and weakness, there was no sign of any illness that could be seen on him.

He stayed in Bareilly Shareef for one day and he was not too satisfied with the medical treatment and thus went back to Philibit and continued having his treatment there.

People came from Philibit to Bareilly Shareef and we would here about his condition on a daily basis. One day suddenly a person from Philibit came to Bareilly Shareef. We were informed that Hazrat had passed away around 10.20 am that morning.

Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (alaihira rahma), two teachers and few students of the Madrassa immediately went to Philibit. They asked about what had transpired and were told that there was not much difference in his condition compared to the days before. He seemed more alert and healthy compared to the other days. He stopped taking all medication the day before, by saying, "For how much longer do you expect me to take these?"

Just a short while before his Wisaal, Janaab Abdur Raz'zaaq of Kaatyawaar came to meet him and requested to take Bai'at. He entered into the Silsila. At 10.00am he turned himself to the direction of Qibla.

He moved all those away who were seated or standing in front of him and then began to recite something. Whilst reading, there was a sudden silence. His pulse was checked and no pulse was present. In'na lil laahi wa In'na ilaihi Raaji'oon.

Someone should ask those deceitful persons that if what they say is true, then how Hazrat would have entered Janaab Abdur Raz'zaaq into the Silsila. How did he continue his recitation until his last breath?

There was no doubt that he had a problem with his throat and it was because of this illness that it was the human reason of his passing away. How this illness came into existence is a topic by itself. It was the planning of the same deobandi enemies of the Deen.

During the Debate in Barabanki in District Rasouli the Deobandis failed in the debate hopelessly and became very upset and disorientated and they put a person from amongst them to act as a Sunni and become close to Hazrat acting as if he loved Hazrat dearly.

It was he who put poison into Hazrat's paan. Hazrat passed from this world on 8<sup>th</sup> Muharram 1380 - 3rd July 1960 at exactly 10:03am. In'na lil laahi wa In'na Ilaihi Raaji'oon.

Even though Hazrat was given poison a few times before this, but no real harm had come to him, but it was already predestined that he would be made Shaheed by being given poison. That time arrived and that which was meant to happen, happened.

Hazrat's sense of taste was very sensitive. On eating the paan he immediately realized something was wrong and spat out the paan, but the poison had already passed into the throat and caused the damage that was intended and there was an immediate swelling in the glands.

Hazrat did have a problem with the tonsils before this and since it was also swollen it caused even more swelling and discomfort. The

end result was that the condition could not be controlled and in the end it was the cause of his passing away.

***Five Stages in a Memorable Journey  
Through A Lecture of  
Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat***  
*By Hazrat Allama Arshadul Qaadri (alaihira rahma)*

The announcement was made for the lecture of Hazrat, Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat. The condition of the entire gathering was as if there was the still before a storm. Then, the atmosphere began to echo with the sound of Na'aras (Chanting).

The moment he commenced his lecture, the entire mood became one, immersed in the fragrance of love and Imaan. It seemed as if passions of righteousness began to flow through the once parched veins of the body, causing fountains of love to gush from it. This was not just a lecture. It was the manifestation of the rays of the excellence of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), which was striking (the heart) like lightning flashes amidst dark clouds.

It was a like a flowing tide of proof and facts that was destroying and washing away the pastures within the forts of the corrupt sects. It is improbable that in that gathering there would be such a person whose heartbeats were not adjoined in that moment to the sound of the voice of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihira rahma).

## ***Stage One***

Before commencing his lecture he would read a khutba, which was flowing with the love and the praise of the excellence and grandeur of Sayyidul Mursaleen Khaatimun Nabiyeen (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and he would do so with such wonderful eloquence and fluency that it would please the heart and strengthen ones Imaan. It would be such a lengthy khutba that it would take at least twenty to twenty five minutes to complete.

Even though the Khutba was in the Arabic language, its charming mannerism and electrifying effect was so powerful, that the moment he would commence his Khutba in his special tone, it seemed as if the entire gathering became entered into spiritual bliss.

He would ecstatically move in his chair reading the reciting the praises of our Master (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), he too would become drowned in this deep condition of true love, and his recitation would bathe the listeners in the rains of Kauthar and naseem, quenching the thirst of their hearts. He would recite with such sincerity and in such a beautiful manner that even though Arabic is not the language of most of those present in the gathering, it would cause them to be drowned in this special spiritual condition.

From all the Khutbas which I have heard and from all the orators, the Khutba of Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat (alaihir rahma) held a very special place.

## ***Stage Two***

As per his blessed habit, after the Khutba, he would recite a Na'at written by A'la Hazrat Imam-e-Ishq-o-Muhabbat in his melodious



and captivating voice. His voice was so magical and captivating that it would immediately attract the heart. His manner of rendering the Na'at was so full of feeling and had such an effect that those listening to it would seem out of control, drowned in the love of Na'at.

Whilst rendering the Na'at, he would explain every stanza and in doing so, when explaining the grandeur and excellence of the Beloved Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), it seemed as if he had opened the doors of spiritual treasures onto the hearts of those present in the gathering.

Sometimes, he would give such in-depth explanations and praise the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) with such love that it felt as if one could not control and keep the heart inside the chest anymore. It was during such spiritual moments when the audience, by now already in a highly spiritual state would feel as if he spiritually transported them to the Holy land of Madinah.

He would have such control over the hearts of the audience that the thoughts would now seem to feel like a reality. When he would complete rendering the Na'at, the audience would feel as if they had just woken from a highly spiritual dream. This was the second stage of his lecture.

### ***Stage Three***

At this stage of his lecture, he would shed light on the verse of the Holy Quran which he had recited in the Khutba. He would explain this with some Imaan strengthening introduction. Just by listening to the introduction the audience would understand well the direction in which he would be taking his talk.

After the introduction, when he would decide to explain the outcome of his explanation, and he would unveil incidents displaying the beauty of love for the Holy Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), then it felt like a flame of love had been lit in the chambers of the heart.

The entire atmosphere would be filled with the echoes of Na'ra'e Takbeer and Na'ra'e Risaalat. Seeing the passion and the love which he possessed for the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) whilst he spoke on the excellence of the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) was something enchanting to observe.

One could feel that a servant who truly loved the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) so dearly was defending the position of the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), displaying his true loyalty. It would seem like Roohul Ameen was congratulating his on his loyalty.

After this, when he would unveil the secrets of the said verse then even a mischievous mind would sometimes be forced to be humbled by this power of true love.

He would present some points that were so powerful and astonishing that even the men of knowledge would become ecstatic and say, 'Hazrat Sher Be'sha Ahle Sunnat is delivering a lecture in the state of ilhaam (spiritual and special knowledge is being inspired upon him), and that Almighty Allah had broadened the chest of one of his beloved servants, so that he may be able to explain in this beautiful manner the excellence of the Beloved Rasool (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam).

Now, when he has reached such an exalted state, who is there that can stop that tongue from saying what was true and correct? This stage of his lecture was so sensitive and full of spiritualism and

would have such an effect that the listeners would no longer find themselves unaware of the truth.

Many who were initially weak in faith would become blessed and strong in faith, just by listening to one of his lectures. It would become evident through his lecture that without the love and obedience of the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), one can never attain success or salvation.

It is this which is the heart of the Aqida in the thirty paras of the Quran. All the Ahadith are evident and endorse this Aqida. All the Ambia and Mursaleen propagated the very same belief (Aqida) and it is this, which is the Aqida of all the Ambia, Mursaleen, Muqar'ribeen and all the Ulama of the Ummat and fulfilling the demand of this Aqida, every Muslim must live by it and pass from this world by it.

### ***Stage Four***

When he would reach the end of this explanation, and when the hearts have been well saturated in love and sincerity and the entire audience is drowned in the passion of the love of Rasoolullah (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), he would open the files of the corrupt beliefs of the leaders of the Deobandis.

He would unveil the kufr beliefs and their blasphemous statements against the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam), and the fact that they have made such statements against the Prophet (Sall Allahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and these statements being made by those who read the Kalimah of the Nabi and then say blasphemy in the court of the Ma'soom Prophets of Allah.

Which Muslim is there who can tolerate this? On this topic, his discussion would be so powerful and full of proof that at the entire crowd would join in with him in repeating his words.

### ***Stage Five***

This used to be the final stage of his lecture. In this stage of his lecture he would directly address the compassion and the conscience of the Muslims by advising them and encouraging them to follow the Shariat, to abstain from sinning, to keep their five daily Salaahs well established, the importance of remaining firm on Ahle Sunnat Wa Jama'at and the absolute importance of staying away from the company of the bud-mazhabs.

This stage of his lecture would have such an effect on the audience that the eyes of the audience would be filled with tears, and his words of advice and encouragement would cause thousands of individuals to turn their lives around.