



Special Supplement

on the celebration of the 50th Hijri anniversary of Jashne Juluse Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm)

Message

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

On the occasion of Miladunnabi (Sm), the best Eid of all Eids, my sincere greetings to all devout Muslims of the country and abroad. Eid mubarak to all with the infinite mercy of Almighty Allah. Like every year, under the supervision of Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust, Eid Miladunnabi (Sm) is going to be celebrated in processions on 9th Rabul Awal and 12th Rabul Awal, respectively in the capital city Dhaka and the commercial city Chittogram.



Awlad-e Rasul Allama Syed Ahmad Shah Sirikoti (R), Syed Muhammad Tayyab Shah (R), Syed Muhammad Tahir Shah (M), Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah (M)

A Brief Introduction to Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust

Awlad-e Rasul, Rahuma-e Shariat and Tariqat Allama Hafez Qari Syed Ahmad Shah Sirikoti Rahmatullahi Ala'ih is a renowned saint of the subcontinent. His esteemed Shaykh (Pir) was Hazrat Abdul Rahman Chowdhari Rahmatullahi Ala'ih. He was the caliph of Gausul Azam Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Kader Jilani Rahmatullahi Ala'ih. Hazrat Sirikoti (R) was the chief caliph of Chowdhari (R). Hazrat Syed Ahmad Shah Sirikoti (R) first came to Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) from Yangon in 1935.

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“Muhammad, the beloved of the all three realms, has descended to the earth; O the sea, O the sky, O the breeze, let’s go behold his emergence.”

Allah, the Omnipotent has endowed His servants with endless blessings. Among them, the greatest blessing is the benediction of Allah’s beloved Prophet Aqar-e Namdar Huzur Sayidul Alam Muhammad Rasulallah (Sm). Today is the 12th of Rabul Awal, 1444 Hijri. Almost fourteen and a half years ago, the beloved Prophet came to emerge on the holy land of Makkah. To thank God for this great blessing, people all over the world celebrate Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm).

Allah Rabul Alamin says in the Holy Qur’an in verse 58 of Surah Yunus, “O Habib, you say, may they rejoice because of Allah’s mercy and grace. It is better than anything they have achieved.” According to the instructions of Allah Rabul Alamin, based on the aqedah and belief of Ahle Sunnah, Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust in Chittogram has been celebrating Miladunnabi (Sm) on a larger and wider scale through Jashne Julus’.

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Heartiest greetings to all the Muslims of the world including Bangladesh on the occasion of Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm). Happy Eid. On the 9th and 12th of Rabul Awal Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust is going to organize Eid Miladunnabi (Sm) processions in Dhaka and Chattogram as usual. This is the 50th anniversary of Julius in Hijri year. On this sacred occasion, Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust has taken a comprehensive program. The biggest attraction of this year’s Julius is the arrival of two great Sajjadanshins Awlad-e Rasul, Murshid-e Barhaq Allama Syed Muhammad Tahar Shah (M.J.A.) and Pir Allama Sabir Shah (M.J.A.) along with Awlad-e Pak Allama Qasim Shah (M.J.A.) in Bangladesh and will lead the Julius. It is a great honor for us to have these three great descendants of the Prophet (Sm) together on the golden jubilee of the Julius. In this grand occasion, we call upon the unbreakable bond of peace and harmony and firmness of unity of the Muslims of the world. We hope that this time more people than ever will participate in the Julius. All the devout Muslims of the country, including Chattogram, will share the joy of Miladunnabi (Sm) with religious fervour. We know that in the year 1974, Awlad-e Rasul Gaus-e Zaman, Murshid-e Barhaq Allama Hafez Qari Syed Muhammad Tayyab Shah (R) sent a letter from Darbar-e Alia Qaderia Sirikoti Sharif with the permission of bringing out a procession from Baluadighi Khanqah in Qurbaniganj, Chattogram. The Julius was released under the management of the Trust. At present, the Julius is recognized worldwide. The process of achieving the official recognition of the Julius is presently on the way of its completion. On this holy occasion of the golden jubilee of Jashne Juluse Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm), Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust has taken an initiative to release a special supplement to highlighting the importance and the noble characteristics of Miladunnabi (Sm) to the nation. We wish the Julius a tremendous success. May the Almighty Allah and Rasul (Sm) help us, Amin.

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Celebrating Jashne Juluse Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm): An Irrefutably Proven Blessed Aamal

Maulana Muhammad Abdul Mannan

Jashn’ means festival, Julius’ means procession or colorful procession. ‘Eid’ means happiness. ‘Milad’ means birth and ‘Miladunnabi’ means the holy birth of Prophet Akram (Sm). So ‘Jashne Juluse Eid-e Miladunnabi’ means a colorful procession to celebrate the joyous festival of the holy birth of the Prophet Huzoor-i Akram (Sm). Like other countries of the world, ‘Eid Miladunnabi’ (Sm) is being celebrated in our country in different ways. Since the end of the last nineteenth century, first in Chattogram, then in the whole country, ‘Jashne Julus’ has been celebrated on a wide scale. The event of ‘Jashne Juluse Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm), organized by ‘Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust’ in Chattogram became the best and biggest symbol of Sunni-Muslim unity, not only in Bangladesh but also in the world. In the pattern of this grand event, now in different cities and villages, celebrations and processions are being organized in the month of Rabul Awal. Evidences of the celebration of Miladunnabi (Sm): Allah Ta’ala has ordered to celebrate happily after receiving Allah’s grace and mercy. He said, “O Mahbub! You declare, ‘Let them celebrate Allah’s Fadal or grace. It is better than all their accumulated wealth.’ [Surah Yunus: verse 58; Kanjul Iman]. So, the order of Allah Ta’ala is executed by celebrating Miladunnabi (Sm). Obeying Allah’s orders is a great act of worship. Secondly, Hadith Sharif’ also has strong evidence for celebrating Miladunnabi (Sm). The famous Sahabi Hazrat Abu Amer Ansari (RA) used to observe Miladunnabi (Sm) with great love and importance. Hazrat Abu Darda (RA) narrated the hadith. He said in the last part of the Hadith Sharif, Huzoor Akram (Sm) was happy to see Hazrat Abu Amer celebrating Milad and gave him the good news that Allah has opened many doors of mercy for you because of your celebration and the angels are seeking forgiveness for all of you. [Sources: Saheehul Huda and At-Tanweer] According to Sahih Bukhari Sharif, even a staunch infidel like Abu Lahab was happy to hear the good news of the Milad or birth of the Prophet (Sm) and was benefited by the freeing of his slave girl Suwaibah. There are different opinions from the Tabaeen, Tabi Tabaeen and Ulama-Mashaikh regarding the excellence and virtue of celebrating Miladunnabi.

History of celebrating Miladunnabi by organizing ‘Jashne Julus’ and its irrefutable evidence: Year 1974. During the independence of Bangladesh, the 39th descendant of Rasulullah (Sm) Rahnuma-e Shariat and Tariqat Hazratul Allama Syed Muhammad Tayyab Shah (R.) through a letter to Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust on the occasion of the celebration of the holy Eid Miladunnabi (Sm) ordered to organize. He also outlined in the letter how to organize ‘Jashne Julus’. So on 12th Rabul Awal in 1974, a great Julius came out of Khanqah-e Sayedia Tayeibiya in Baluar Dighirpar of Chattogram and went around Chattogram city and ended at Jamia Ahmadiya Sunnia Kamil Madrasa maidan at Sholashahar. The late Alhaj Noor Mohammad Al-Qaderi led this Julius.

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Jashne Julus in the Global Perspective

Mufti Abul Kashem Mohammad Fazlul Haque

A special and interesting form of Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm) celebration is ‘Jashne Julus’. The ‘aesthetic summation’ of the many virtues of Islamic law. I said ‘aesthetic’ because the Prophet’s (Sm) happiness in the world is the ultimate joy according to the commentary of verse 58 of Surah Yunus of the Holy Qur’an. That joy is the joy of receiving Allah’s great blessings. The joy of having a Prophet of great mercy as the mercy of the Lord. That joy is called a ‘better thing’ than our collective achievements at the end of the verse. As much as this joy is expressed and felt through ‘Jashne Julus’, it is not found in other celebrations of Eid-e Miladunnabi. That’s why, the participation of ordinary Muslims in Jashne Julus is more than other events. This excess of human participation is very helpful for the overall self defence of Islam. Especially in the inter-religious context of the world, a special event like ‘Jashne Julus’ is crowning Islam as the best religion. Coexistence among different religions in the world due to logical and irrational reasons, ‘Islam’ has been in image crisis for the past centuries. In the blueprint of Islamophobias, Islam has been labeled militancy, extremism, terrorism. Islamophobia and conspiracies have presented Islam—religion of peace—to the world as synonym of extremism. They have used all kinds of media effectively to achieve success which has greatly interrupted the normality of religious and socio-economic world of Muslims. On interfaith grounds, Muslims have been weakened socially, morally and psychologically. The strictness, rigidity and uncompromising attitude of Muslims is sometimes termed as ‘fundamentalism’, sometimes as ‘extremism’ in such a situation, there is an urgent need for an aesthetic large-scale social and formalism, in which love is intense but far from ferocity. There will be an immensity of presence, as well as a blanket of complete peacefulness. The excitement and enthusiasm of the celebration will surely be there. But it will not constitute psychological aggression. The peace of Islam—religion of peace—will be presented to the people of the world as a good example. ‘Jashne Julus’ of Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm) is a special form, that has been able to fulfill the above demands in the inter-religious environment of the world. The character, spirit and results are almost identical within this program. Zikr, Discussion, Naat, Durood, Milad, Tilawat and Sadaqah in a peaceful static or moving gathering in emotional and joyful atmosphere to fulfill the demands of undying love for the Prophet (Sm). The people of the world see, the beauty of the Muslims’ undying love for the Prophet does not create the general mentality to hurt or attack anyone of a different religion. I think that the peaceful beauty of Islam has already been highlighted through the Jashne Julus of Eid-e Miladunnabi. Also, one of Muslims unconditional self-giving towards Allah and His Prophet (Sm) is the greatest gift to the world. Because even after 1400 years of the death of the beloved Prophet (Sm), the undying love of his love in the Muslim heart is essentially the ‘golden title’ of the eternal victory of Islam to the world. The great philosopher and scholar ‘Iqbal’ considered this undying love for the Prophet to be ‘the key to the victory of Islam’. The meaningful manifestation of which is through Julius. In this sense, Julius is able to play a prominent role in restoring the green glory and tradition of Islam in the global context. It is really a blessed program to bring the issue of love of Prophet to the larger platform of world Muslim unity. This will surely be very effective and fruitful in creating disciplined Islamic consciousness among Muslims.

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Table with 13 columns: Anjuman Trust Executive Body, Name, and Position. Includes President (Hazratul Allama Syed Muhammad Tahir Shah), Senior Vice President (Alhaj Muhammad Hossain), and various secretaries.

50 years of Julius in the Hijri calendar

Musaheb Uddin Bakhtiar

Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm) has been celebrated worldwide for hundreds of years through various events. Seven hundred years ago, the famous world traveler Ibn Batuta also mentioned that he had witnessed the observance of Miladunnabi (Sm) by Muslims in different countries. On this occasion, Gazi Salahuddin Ayyubi’s brother-in-law Sultan Abu Muzaffar Karkuri held a grand event in Erbil, Iraq, which is still shining in history. At least, twelve and a half hundred years ago, the writer Azari (died 200 AH) wrote in his ‘Akhhbar-e-Makkah’ of that time. Miladunnabi (Sm) has been illustrated with various arrangements on the occasion of Eid in Arabia. Out of the 22 countries included in the Arab League, the state has been holding various events on this occasion for a long time. There are similar diverse programs in other countries throughout the Muslim world. However, among all the events that have become global so far in this occasion, ‘Jashne Julus’ is the most popular and significant. In different countries of the world, including Arabs, many religious people are participating in processions on Eid Miladunnabi (Sm). Day by day, these processions are getting manifested in colorful arrangements. The journey of such a sophisticated and interesting Islamic culture in Bangladesh has started with a shining star of the holy lineage of Rasul (Sm), the father of hundreds of religious institutions including Gausia Committee Bangladesh, the great leader of Qaderia Tariqa, Gaus-e Zaman, Allama Hafez Qari Syed Muhammad Tayyab Shah (RA) as directed and outlined. From Hijri 1394, (1974 AD), Julius first appeared in festival from Khanqah-e Qaderia Saydiya Tayeibiya in Qurbaniganj, Baluadighi Par of Chattogram. This year, the Julius will be held for the 50th time in celebration of 1444 Hijri. The then senior vice president of Anjuman Trust Alhaj Noor Mohammad Al-Qaderi (RA) led the country’s first jashne Julus under the supervision of Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust. And in 1976 (1396 AH), its founder Huzur Qibla Tayyab Shah (RA) visited Bangladesh on this occasion and he himself led the procession which continued till 1986. He led the joyous processions held every year on 9th Rabul Awal Dhaka and 12th Rabul Awal in Chattogram. Under his leadership, ‘Jashne Julus’ achieved wide popularity in this country. In 1986, millions of people are seen joining it. Following this celebration of Julius organized by Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust, various institutions, madrasas, khanqahs, darbars, organizations are bringing out hundreds of jashne Julus nationwide in the month of Rabul Awal in Bangladesh, which has made the celebration of Eid-e Miladunnabi (Sm) colorful and popular, which also makes the government influenced. On this occasion, the current government declared 12th Rabul Awal as a National Holiday and issued an order to hoist the national flag in public and private buildings and diplomatic missions abroad and gave Miladunnabi (Sm) ceremony more significance and scope. For this, I acknowledge the humble gratitude to His Excellency the President of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, the Honorable Prime Minister and those concerned. Be that as it may, when an extremist group in this country was engaged in the plot of sowing the seeds of militancy by misinterpreting the Qur’an and Sunnah and questioning the validity of celebrating Mila Dunnabi (psh) on Eid, creating chaos among Muslims across the country, at that very time, the ‘celebration procession’ of the great reformer of Islam, Allama Tayyab Shah Huzur, Ordinary Muslims and scholars attracted the attention of Ulama. Opponents were eventually forced to back down and Eid Miladunnabi (psh) celebrations of the Zulus became popular across the country. Today, Allama Hafez Qari Syed Muhammad Tayyab Shah (RA), the founder of Jashne Julus, is no longer alive, but the seed called ‘Jashne Julus’ has become a bunyan tree in the hands of his distinguished Sajjadanshins, Murshid-e Barhaq Allama Syed Muhammad Tahir Shah (M.J.A.). Since 1987 till now (except a few years in between), Huzur Qibla Tayyab Shah (RA) has led almost all the processions. Under his leadership, this 12th Rabul Awal of Anjuman Trust, organized in Chattogram city, has been reported in the media that approximately half a million people have participated in the past years. At present, the conscious communities of Chattogram are bringing out Julius as the best Julius in the world and there has been a demand for Julius to be placed in the United Nations Guinness Book of World Heritage for several years. If this demand is fulfilled, not only the scope of Eid Miladunnabi (Sm) but also Chattogram will be specially respected and discussed. From Alamgir Khanqah-e Qaderia Sayidiya Tayeibiya in Chattogram on 12th Rabul Awal and from Muhammadpur Qaderia Tayyabiya Kamil Madrasah in Dhaka on 9th Rabul Awal, the great Jashne Julus will be held in this year’s 50th celebration, we will join the procession in Eid Miladunnabi (Sm) in groups. In Sha Allah.

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Attention: Anjuman-e Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia Trust has newly launched a page and you can watch live all the events of Huzur Qibla-e Alam including processions in the celebration of Eid-e Miladunnabi (sm.) in the following links.

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