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History of Progress of Ahmadiyyat in Nigeria - A researcher's effort appreciated

By: Ajmal Shahid Sahib (Former Amir Jamaat and Missionary Jamaat Ahmadiyya, Nigeria)

A PhD candidate at University of Florida, Mr. Deng Zheyuan, is currently writing his PhD thesis, titled "History of Ahmadiyyat in Nigeria". To conduct his research, he is temporarily staying at Jamaat Ahmadiyya Nigeria Headquarters in Ojokoro.



He was recently visiting the US to attend a symposium and reached out to me and requested a visit. I invited him to my home in Pennsylvania and he interviewed me for nearly four hours. I was happy to see that he has gained significant knowledge about the Jama'at.

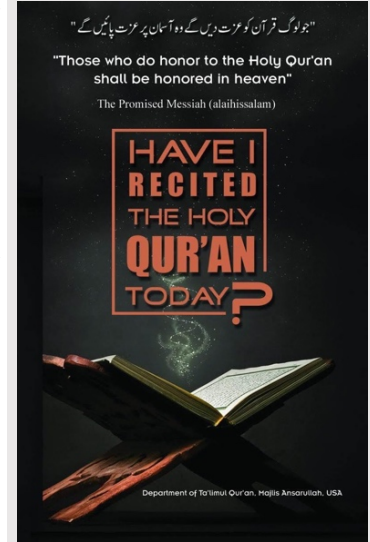
Mr. Deng Zheyuan is originally from China and his initial education was from Peking University of China. During his school years, he became aware of Jama'at Ahmadiyya's history in Africa, so he decided to do further research about this. He selected this topic for his doctorate thesis and a panel of four professors approved it.

I request for prayers for him and for the success of his endeavor, and may Allah make this effort beneficial for the Jamaat. Ameen.

Remembering my brother Shaheed Ghulam Abbas "Shahid" Baloch, a victim of Corona Virus

By Professor Ghulam-Hussain Qamar Baloch (VA Majlis)

My younger brother Ghulam Abbas Baloch was born on August 15, 1958. Our father's name was Hakim Muhammad Waris Bozdar Baloch. During his early years, The Education Department of Government of Sindh sent me to get a degree in Industrial Arts, from Government Technical Teachers



Training College, Lyallpur in 1966. From Lyallpur, I had a chance to visit Rabwah and after some research and study, I embraced Ahmadiyyat at the hands of Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) in 1966.



When I returned home, I faced massive opposition which was spearheaded by a Maulvi of Jamya Masjid, Khipro. Unlike others, my brother Ghulam Abbas Shahid Baloch stood like a rock by me. One night in 1971, he saw in a dream that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) is helping him. After this dream, he also embraced Ahmadiyyat at the hands of Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him).

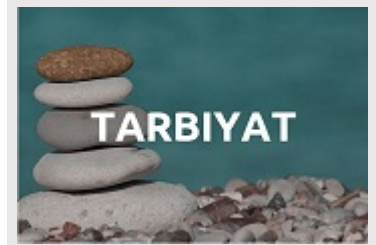
Ghulam Abbas Baloch received a Master's degree in Economics from University of Sindh, Jamshoro. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) administered his Nikah with Begum Nasira Baloch in 1980. Soon after, he accepted a government job in Islamabad. During this time, he offered his house as a "Salat Center", where Ahmadis offered prayers and listened to Darsul Qur'an for 15 years. He served the local Jamaat as a Finance Secretary and Local Sadr of Islamabad Jama'at for many years.



Ghulam Abbas Baloch was a die-hard Dae'Ilallah. It did not matter whether he was on a journey or in a bazaar, he never missed the opportunity to preach. He used to bring non-Ahmadi guests, priests, scholars, and imams of the mosques to Tabligh sessions. Once he took a non-Ahmadi Imam to Masjid Mubarak in Islamabad, London for meeting with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him). Hazur Anwar asked him, "Baloch Sahib, where did you find him?" Shaheed Baloch replied, "Hazur, he happened to be with me at the dialysis center." That Non-Ahmadi Imam used to live very close to the mosque in Birmingham and loved to join congregational prayers with the Jamaat, and even used to offer donations. In the end, he told Ghulam Abbas Baloch that he could not swear allegiance to Ahmadiyyat because it was a matter of bread and butter for him.

As per his widow, "Khaksara's marriage was a blessed one. Throughout our married life, Shaheed Baloch looked after me very well. He was very caring and a loving husband. We do not have any children. He was always ready to help relatives, the poor, and his in-laws. His Wasiyyat application was accepted in 2006.

Ghulam Abbas Baloch went to the hospital on April 2nd for dialysis. He was taken to hospital for treatment after being diagnosed with a chronic illness



and coronavirus. He passed away on April 3, 2020." May Allah the Almighty elevate his rank and grant him eternal peace in Heaven. Ameen.

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