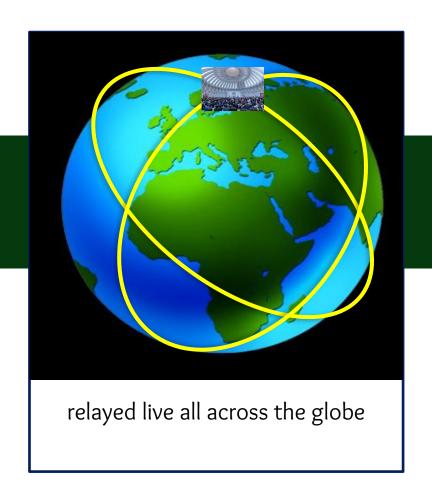
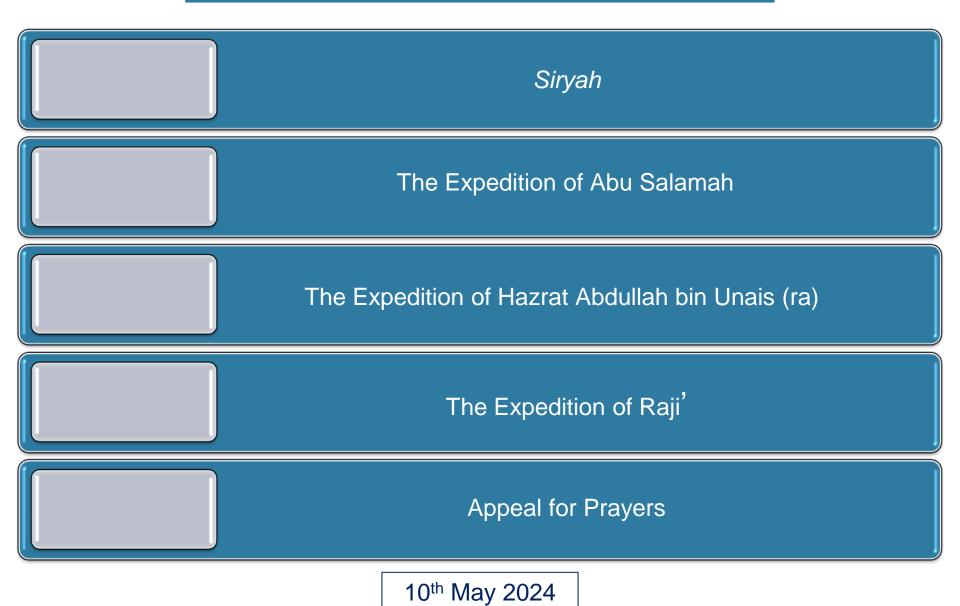
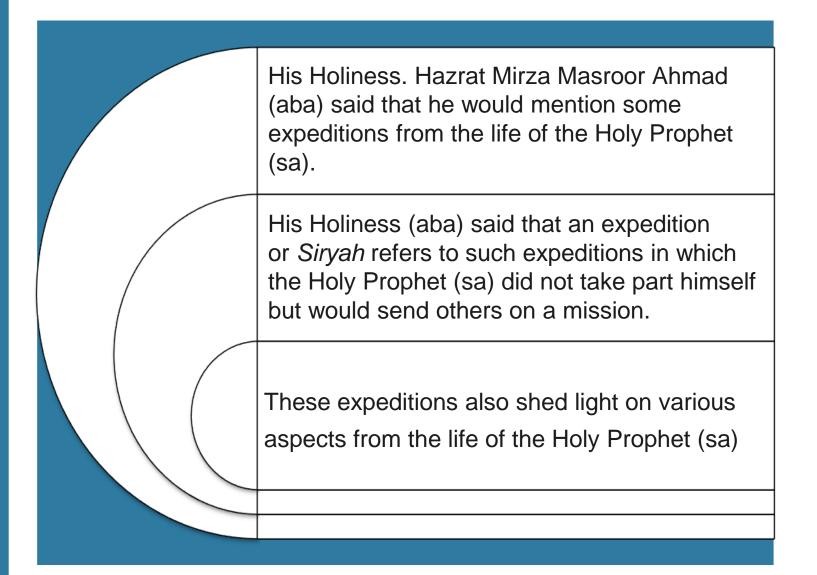


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#### The Expedition of Abu Salamah

His Holiness (aba) said that he would first mention the mischief of the Banu Asad and the Expedition of Abu Salamah. This expedition took place in Muharram 4 AH under the leadership of Hazrat Abu Salama bin Abu Al Asad Makhzumi (ra). Despite being warned against making an attack, the Banu Asad insisted on waging an attack. The Holy Prophet (sa) gave him a flag and then instructed him to go to the Banu Asad and attack them before they could gather their forces.

The Banu Asad had fled so quickly that the Muslims did not come face to face with any of them. Ultimately, with the spoils in their possession, the Muslims headed back towards Madinah. His Holiness (aba) said that it is recorded this expedition lasted for around ten days. Upon returning, Hazrat Abu Salamah's (ra) wound sustained at Uhud reopened, and it was later that same year that he passed away. Then there was the Expedition of Hazrat Abdullah bin Unais (ra). Hazrat Abdullah bin Unais (ra) had taken part in the first pledge at Aqabah, the Battle of Badr and other battles.

Muhammad (sa): The Great Exemplar

When the people around Madinah heard about the events of Uhud, they thought the Muslims to be weak and were plotting attacks.

Among them was the Banu Lahyan tribe and its leader Khalid bin Sufyan. He was a staunch enemy of Islam.

#### The Expedition of Hazrat Abdullah bin Unais (ra)

Muhammad (sa): The Great Exemplar When the Holy Prophet (sa) learned of this army, he made a very wise decision and rather than forming an army to combat Sufyan and for there to be bloodshed on both sides, he devised a wise plan to stifle this threat. Hence, he chose a brave Companion Hazrat Abdullah bin Unais (ra).

The Holy Prophet (sa) described him saying that he would know who he was because upon seeing him it would be as if he was looking at Satan. in the night when all the others had fallen asleep, Hazrat Abdullah bin Unais (ra) killed him.

He then travelled back, and upon seeing him, the Holy Prophet (sa) proclaimed that Hazrat Abdullah (ra) had been successful.

Muhammad (sa): The Great Exemplar

To this, Hazrat Abdullah (ra) replied by saying that it was in fact the Holy Prophet (sa) who had been successful. The Holy Prophet (sa) gifted Hazrat Abdullah bin Unais (ra) a staff.

Hazrat Abdullah (ra) also became known as "the one with a staff".

His Holiness (aba) says that opponents of Islam level the allegation that the Holy Prophet (sa) disturbed the peace (God-forbid) and that he killed people. However, the Holy Prophet (sa) cared so deeply for human life, that in order to save the lives of even those who belonged to an opposing tribe,

he devised a plan whereby it would be better to bring an end to one person so that the other lives could be saved. This was the degree of compassion which the Holy Prophet (sa) had. These days, under the excuse of wanting to kill a few people, the world is killing innocent children, women and elders. They say that this is a byproduct of war.

However, the Holy Prophet (sa), even in wars, would say that no children, women, elders or even religious leaders not directly involved in the battle must be killed. This is the example of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) and the teachings of Islam.

#### The Expedition of Raji'

Muhammad (sa): The Great Exemplar Raji' was a spring belonging to the Banu Huzail. It is now known as Bati'ah and is located 70 miles from Madinah. the background of this expedition was that after the killing of Sufyan bin Khalid, the people of Banu Lahyan wished to take revenge.

The Holy Prophet (sa) had formed a team of ten companions to keep an eye on the happenings in the surrounding areas of Madinah. The Holy Prophet (sa) appointed Hazrat Marthad bin Abi Marthad as the leader of this group. His Holiness (aba) said that he would continue narrating these incidents in the future.

His Holiness (aba) made a special appeal for prayers for the Ahmadis who are imprisoned in Yemen.

His Holiness (aba) also appealed for prayers for those Ahmadis imprisoned in Pakistan.

His Holiness (aba) urged continued prayers for Palestinians.