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“Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been established in 178 countries of the world” - Mirza Masroor Ahmad

On the second day of the Ahmadiyya Muslim convention held at the 40 Acre site, known as Islamabad in which more than 25,000 representatives from 75 countries were present, the Ahmadiyya leader Mirza Masroor Ahmad described the progress of Ahmadiyyat throughout the world. He stated that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been established in 178 countries of the world. He also told the audience that during the year 74 new mosques had been built. Another 82 mosques were gained by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community as many towns in Africa had been converted to Ahmadiyyat.

Since ordnance XX was promulgated in 1984 by Zia in Pakistan, Ahmadiyyat has spread to 87 new countries. Over the last 20 years the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been blessed with 13,457 new mosques which include 11,560 mosques gained along with their imams through large-scale conversions in villages. Mirza Masroor Ahmad said ‘Whilst the enemy was dreaming that they would see a begging bowl in the hands of Ahmadis, by the Grace of God the community is offering millions of pounds for the propagation of Islam and to relieve the suffering of humanity’.

To fulfill the mission of spreading the message of Islam throughout the world he told the audience that by the Grace of God the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only community that has published the translation of the Holy Quran into 58 languages. Moreover its translation into 24 languages is in progress. The Ahmadiyya leader mentioned that 373 schools were operated by the community and that under the Nusrat Jehan scheme 36 hospitals are running in 12 countries. The Waqf e Nau scheme now has 28,300 members. He commended the work done by MTA, who are doing a great job in preaching Islam.

Whilst commenting on the work of various departments he said the work of the International Press and Publications department under Rashid Ahmad Chaudhry was running successfully in 18 countries. This team which comprises five members disseminates the incidents and persecutions against the Jamaat especially in Pakistan and Bangladesh. The International Press and Publications department is active in advocating against persecution and human rights violations and informing Human Rights organisations including Amnesty International.

Earlier addressing the women he emphasized that Islam safeguards the rights of women, which no other religion does. Islam does not consider women as second class citizens. He said that in the west, misinformation is spread against Islam that allows men to beat women, this is factually wrong. He urged Ahmadi women to respond to these objections and to tell the world the real teachings of Islam.

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