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یادداشت ادیتور: در سال 1991 علی م. راجپوت از بیرمنگام انگلستان، در یک ماموریت فوق العاده اش تصمیم خدمت به جماعت بدخشان را به اجرا گذاشت. در این روز او فعلا 86 ساله است و هر سال به تاجکستان می رود تا بهترین خدمات را برای ساکنان آنجا انجام بدهد. خلیفه ای از خاروغ به پاس خدمات داکتر راجپوت نامه ای را به سیمرغ در ذیل نوشته کرده و داکتر راجپوت هم به جواب نامه این خلیفه نوشته است. کمی در مورد مشخصات داکتر راجپوت به دنبال تبادل الهام بخش بین این دو نفر.

Ya Ali Madad!

The garden of Paradise, the shade of its tree (Tuba), and the palace of Huur; I will not equate it to the dust of the land where my beloved resides.

Culture and existence of each person is an indicator of the true religious faith and the deeper nature of himself. Each person by virtue of his own existence demonstrates the existence of the Creator of the Universes in his example of his behaviour towards the entire humanity.

God loves those who love the Ahl-al-Bayt family, and are never separated from them and always remain connected with them.

Dear friends, brothers and sisters, teachers: Dr. Rajput is one of such individual, who is a teacher and a friend of every Badakhshani household.

Since 1991, Dr. Rajput was one of the representatives, who brought the sweet and heavenly spirituality

یا علی مدد!

باغ بهشت و سایه طوبیٰ و قصر و حور
با خاکِ کوی دوست برابر نمی‌کنم

فرهنگ و هستی هر انسانیت از
معنویست و اعتقاد او خبر میدهد، چون
انسانیت با وجود هستی خویش هستی
عالم روحانیت و هستی
پروردگار عالمیان را در وجود دیگران
نیز روشن و بیدار میسازد.

خداوند دوستدار کسی است، که آنها
دوستان خویشاوندان خویش استند و
هیچگاه از خویشاوندان نمیروند و پیوسته
با آنها استند.

در زمره چنین دوستان، برادران،
خویشان، نزدیکان و استادان و عالمان و
دانندگان و روحانیون داکتر علی محمد
راجپوت، که معلم و خویش هر خانواده
بدخشانی است، میباشد.

از سال 1991 علی محمد راجپوت یکی
از سه نفران بود، که صدای نغمه شیرین
و نی بهشت آسای عالم روحانیت و

and love for our Imam for us Badakhshanis. And the first sentence which Dr. Rajput said was:

'Dear spiritual brothers and sisters! Ours and Your Imam has sent you His paternal, maternal blessings and Dua's and He says that you are in your Mawla's thoughts and prayers . Congratulations!!'

Today, Dr. Rajput is nearly 87 years of age, but in the circle of the learned and spiritually aware he is very young, and his service to religion and his students has continued like that of a young fidai.

This is due to his spirituality and love - that at this age he comes here regularly serving the Tajikistan Jamaat.

As one of the Khalifa's of Khorog, in my view, Dr. Rajput's service is the service so worthy that it will hopefully be felt for centuries.

One of the indications of his service is that whichever corner of Badakhshan he travels, both young

محبوبیت مولانا حاضر امام را برای مردم شریف بدخشان تاجکستان آورد و صدای نخستین نغمه ای که از زبان داکتر علی محمد راجپوت برآمد این بود: "برادران و خواهران روحانی عزیز، امام ما و شما به شما سلام و دعای خیر پدران و مادران خود را فرستاده و گفت، شما در فکر و دعای مولای خود استید، مبارک باد به شما."

امروز داکتر محترم به سن 87 قدم زده است ولی در چشم اهل علم و روحانیت خیلی جوان جوان است و خدمت به مذهب و شاگردانش مانند جوانمرد فداکار دوام داده است.

این از روحانیت و محبوبیت او است که به این سن و سال به خدمت جماعت تاجکستان که هر سال قدم رنجه میکند.

در نظر من (همچون یکی از خلیفه های شهر خاروغ) خدمت داکتر علی محمد راجپوت خدمت شایان است که ادامه خواهد یافت.

یکی از شهادت‌های خدمت او این است که به هر منطقه دور دست بدخشان می‌روی از خورد تا بزرگ به داکتر راجپوت

and old have great deal of love towards Dr. Rajput.

*The wise one is dear and is respected in every country.
Cursed is the country where an ignorant is respected.*

I wish for my dear teacher's health; the Badakhshan Jamat needs him.

*With affectionate thoughts
Khalifa Hashratsho
Khorog, Tajikistan*

27 November, 2010

محبت قوی دارند.

دانا به هر دیار عزیز و مکرم است
لعنت به آن دیار، که نادان بود عزیز

من برای استاد عزیزم سلامتی میخوام،
که جماعت بدخشان به او نیازمند است.

با محبت و احترام
خلیفه عشرت شاه
خاروغ-تاجکستان

27 نومبر 2010

A REPLY FROM A.M. RAJPUT

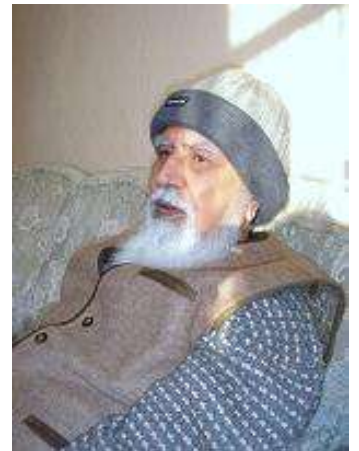
Birmingham, UK

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Professor Ali M. Rajput

My Dear Khalifa Hashrat Shah,

Ya Ali Madad



I thank you for your kind and generous remarks regarding my humble contributions to our Tajik Jamats. I would really prefer the position of humility, doing service to our Jamat, following the Firmans of Mawlana Hazar Imam to the letter.

We, each Ismaili has an assignment from our Imam and we must carry it out in absolute sincerity, to the best of our ability. I believe that it was my destiny that I was torn out from my land of birth and the comfortable living environment of UK and was grafted into totally different surroundings. I accept my destiny with all my heart. I have discovered my new brothers and sisters, my sons and daughters and my grand children. What I lost, I have indeed been given back ten fold. It is all due to His blessings and nothing else. We are only pawns on the chess board; the play master is Him who makes a move. Please accept me as one of your own kith and kin. I want to live in Badakhshan, as a Badakhshani in every sense of the word.

Blessed be the New Year day of the year 1991, when the Imam

of the current age, Mawlana Shah Karim al-Hussaini, summoned me to Aiglemont and bestowed upon me an assignment of Tajikistan and, after the audience with the Imam, I recalled the following couplet from Nasir Khusraw:

“Bar jan-i-man chun Noor-i-Imam-i-Zaman be-taaft: Lail-us-srar budam-O-Shams-uz-Zuha shudam”

“When the Noor-i-Imamat glowed upon my heart; I was the darkest night and I turned into a shining Day.”

Khalifa Jan, we both have our assignments; let us carry them out until the last day of our earthen life.

Sapurdam be tu maaya-i-khesh ra; Tu dani hisab-i-kam-O-besh ra

I have presented to you all that I have; now, you work out whether I have come to the required standard.

Dr. Ali Mohammad Rajput

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**The Khalifa:* Ali M. Rajput has provided the following brief explanation of the role of the *Khalifa*:

The Government of Soviet Union had appointed a *Khalifa* with the agreement of the local population of each area. The duty of a *khalifa* was to look after the religious rites of their population regarding birth, death, marriage etc for which the *Khalifa* was paid by the State. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, the old system remained operational with certain modifications. An Ismaili *Khalifa* is appointed by the Imam Department of the country. Badakhshan has over 100 *Khalifas* of which the city of Khorog has about 20. Our Jamatkhana is located in the district of UPD of Khorog – its *Khalifa* Hashrat Shah, is a handsome young man of about 40 years of age. He is very well educated in Quranic Exegesis, Islamic thought and Ismaili history. I admire our *Khalifa* for looking over his catchment's area for their spiritual needs well.

I have the pleasure of knowing most of the *Khalifas* operating within Tajikistan and outside, such as Sinkiang in China, Kyrgystan or Moscow.

About Ali Mohammad Rajput: He was born on Navroz, 21st March, 1924, in Kalianwala, a small village where his father had built the first Jamatkhana in 1910. After completing his early education in a local village school, he pursued his University education at Lahore where he qualified with a Masters degree in Math and Statistics. In 1954, he had a unique opportunity to have a Mulaqat with Imam Sultan Muhammad Shah who asked him to go to the United Kingdom for further studies at the Imam's expenses. During his journey to London he met the Imam once again at Yakimour which he says "left a vivid and lasting impression on my life." He completed his PhD in 1957 in Mathematical Statistics and began teaching the subject in Birmingham. He retired from his university teaching career in Birmingham in

1983 and decided to pursue a Masters Degree in Islamic which he completed in 1985. He has since devoted much of his life to a better understanding of his faith and service to the Ismaili community. In 1991, the current Imam asked him to visit his headquarters in Aiglemont, where Dr. Rajput was assigned to go on a mission to Tajikistan in March, 1991.

Ever since that time he has been in the service of the people of Badakhshan, where he works as a professor Emeritus at the University of Khorog.