The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association

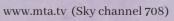


The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association, known as Lajna Ima'illah, is an auxiliary organisation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. It provides women a structure to develop and enhance their religious and academic knowledge, acquire health and fitness skills, manage trade and industry affairs and develop their financial abilities. The aim of Lajna Ima'illah (literally translated as maids of Allah) is to raise awareness amongst women of their important status according to the teachings of Islam and their great responsibility within the religious organisation. It is also to focus on their duties towards mankind, their contributions to the society in which they live and the raising of future generations.

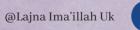
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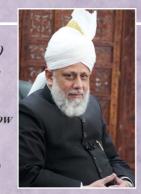
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LOVE FOR ALL HATRED FOR NONE

"The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) championed the rights of women. He established their rights of inheritance and gave them equal rights. Today the new generation and many newcomers may not even comprehend how it is possible to be deprived of such basic rights."

His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his helper) UK 26th July 2008



"Islam is that religion, which from the outset guaranteed the rights of all women. It is that religion which liberated women and established their true status and honour. It is only in the past century, that those people and nations who condemn Islam, have been forced to afford some basic rights to women and yet they still try to claim moral superiority. Furthermore, in the name of 'freedom' they have fostered an environment in which women are treated as objects and their dignity and true status is constantly undermined."

His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his helper) UK 28th February 2017

"A Muslim woman can never say that women's rights organisations have played any role in aiding her liberation, her freedom and her rights. In the Holy Qur'an, Allah the Almighty has given Muslims certain teachings and has established the rights of every classification and grouping of people in minute detail. Nobody can match these teachings, neither any law, government nor any law-maker. Neither has any constitution nor anyone else ever perceived this issue in the manner that the Holy Qur'an and Islam have."

> His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his helper) Germany 3rd September 2016

"The emancipation of women was a project dear to the Prophet's heart. The Quran gave women rights of inheritance and divorce centuries before Western women were accorded such status."

Karen Armstrong (Islam: A Short History, 2000)



"Qur'anic legislation insisted that the individual was free and sovereign-and that also applied to women."

Karen Armstrong (Muhammad: A Prophet For Our Times, 2006)

"Muhammad was probably the greatest champion of women's rights the world has ever seen."

Justice Pierre Craibites, Chief Judge International Court of Justice (Things Muhammad Did For Women, The Islamic Review 37, 1949)



"Muhammad, 1300 years ago assured to the mothers, wives, and daughters of Islam a rank and dignity not yet generally assured to women by the laws of the West."

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THE RIGHTS OF



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THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

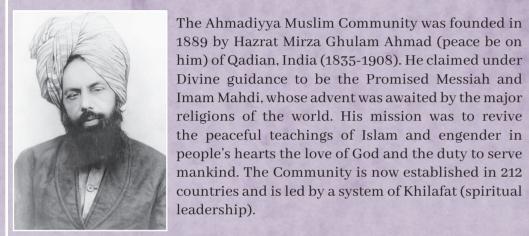
1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be on

him) of Qadian, India (1835-1908). He claimed under

Imam Mahdi, whose advent was awaited by the major

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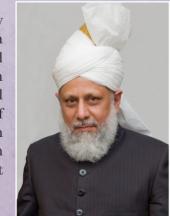
people's hearts the love of God and the duty to serve



The founder of the Ahmadiyya. Muslim Comuunity, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad- The Promised Messiah and Mahdi (peace be on him)

His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his helper) is the Community's fifth Khalifa and is based in London. He leads his global Community and inspires it to serve humanity with the spirit of kindness and humility that is integral to Islam. In accordance with the teachings of Islam, he upholds the rights that Islam has given to women and highlights that Ahmadi Muslim women can have true freedom, true enlightenment and true liberty.

leadership).



His holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his helper)-Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

Female Infanticide The birth of a daughter was deemed shameful. She was often buried at the time of No Inheritance Women were not given any inheritance from their fathers, husbands or sons.

No Divorce Only men had the right to divorce

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Right to Inherit

Islam gave women the right to keep their own money and inherit. "...Men shall have a share of that which they have earned, and women a share of that which they have earned. And ask Allah of His bounty, surely, Allah has perfect knowledge of all things." (The Holy Qur'an 4:33)

Equality

Qur'an 40:41)

spiritual and economic equality of men and women. "Whoso does evil will be requited only with the like

of it; but whoso does good, whether male or female. and is a believer-these will | money and the right to own enter the Garden, they will be provided therein without measure." (The Holv

Human Rights

Islam established the moral. Islam guarantees complete human rights for women, including the right to seek education, the right to choose a spouse, the right to seek

divorce, the right to voice her I opinion, the right to earn and inherit property.

Right to Divorce

1857: The Matrimonial Causes Act made divorce possible for women

Married Women's Property Act 1870: This Act allowed women to be the legal

owners of money they earned and to inherit property, irrelevant of their marital status. Prior

to this Act, everything a woman owned or earned 1976: This Act enabled married | became her husband's property when she was women to obtain a court order

Right to Education 1878: The University

of London became the first British University to admit women on fully equal terms to men on all faculties except medicine.

Equal Pay Act

■ 1970: This Act made it illegal to pay women lower rates than men for the same work.

Domestic Violence &

Matrimonial Proceedings Act against their violent husbands without divorce or separation proceedings, thereby forcing a I man out of the matrimonial home I whether he owned it or the tenancy was in his name.



supporting the rights of women, years ago against the cruelty and injustices against women."



(Ibn Majah)

Islam First Established the Rights of Women

Before the advent of Islam, women did not have legal rights. Islam gave

women legal protection, new found independence, marital and property

rights along with spiritual and religious equality with men. Islam is the only

religion to have perfectly established these rights for women.

upon him) said:

"No other religion has safeguarded the rights of women as Islam has done. It lays down the injunction so succinctly: "Just as men have rights upon women, so do women have rights upon men." (2:229)

"Whoso acts righteously, whether male or female, and is a

believer, We will surely grant him a pure life; and We will

surely bestow on such their reward according to the best of

their works."

(16:98)

"But whoso does good works, whether male or female,

and is a believer, such shall enter Heaven, and shall not be wronged even as much as the little hollow in the

back of a date-stone."

(4:125)

"Oh Allah, bear witness that I have issued a warning

concerning (failure to fulfill) the rights of two weak

ones- Orphans and Women"

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be

Promised Messiah (peace be on him),

Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

(Malfuzat, vol. 5, pp. 417-418)

Pre-Islamic Era

No Human Rights

compelled to live according to

Women were treated as

commodities. They were

what a man desired.

Marriage

marriage. Moreover, men were

allowed to marry as many wives as

they wanted; there was no limit to

I A woman had no say in her

the number.

Islamic Era (610 AC)

1850 | 1880 | 1910 | 1940 | 1970 | 2000

Liberating Women

"Islam gives women true freedom, true liberty and true enlightenment...Whatever restrictions that exist are not forced upon women by men, but are willingly and freely adopted, having observed the magnificent teachings of Islam." His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his helper) UK, 24th September 2017

Right to Education

Islam encourages men and women to by promoting good behaviour and refraining from bad habits. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings I (Tirmidhi)

gain knowledge to better themselves of Allah be upon him) said "Seeking" knowledge is a mandate for every | Muslim (male and female)."

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Exalted Status of Women

Islam guarantees the rights of women in all of their capacities, whether as a daughter, wife or mother. It grants women the most honorouble status, so much so that paradise has been placed under the feet of mothers. (Ibn Majah)

Inheritance 1 1850: Iceland became

the first country to institute unconditional equal inheritance rights.

Matrimonial Causes Act 1923: This Act made grounds for divorce the same for women and men.

Sex Discrimination Act

1975: This Act made it

illegal to discriminate

against women in work,

education and training.

Equal Right to Vote

928: Women were given the rual right to vote at the age of 21- the same as men.

Maternity Leave Granted 1994: The Trade Union Reform and

Employment Rights Act guaranteed every working woman the right to maternity leave for the first time.



whereas Islam raised its voice 1400

His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his helper) Germany 3rd September 2016

