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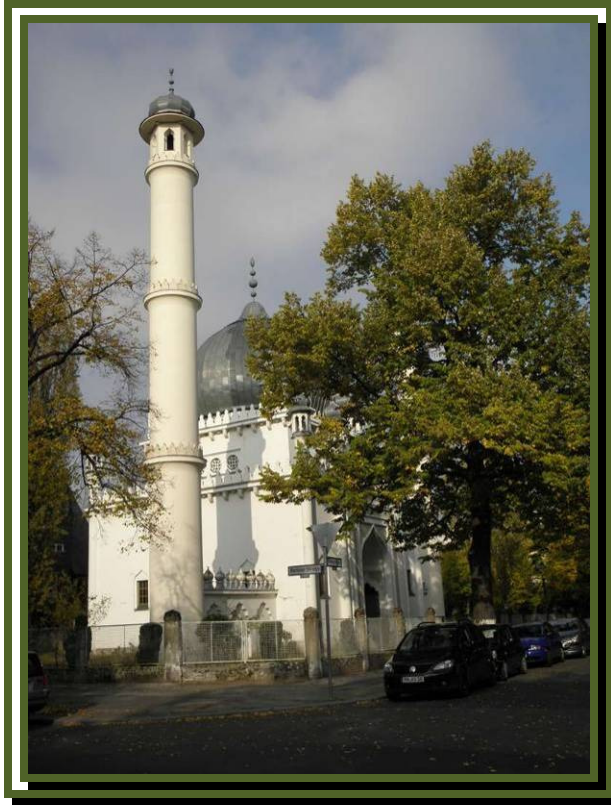
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Hazrat Ameer's visit to the Berlin Mosque 2011



The beautiful Lahore Ahmadiyya Mosque in Berlin, Germany

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Akbar Ibn Abdullah, Editor:

Alhamdollillah! We are indeed indebted to Brigadier Mohammad Saeed Sahib for providing us with these elegant photographs of Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum, Professor & Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, and his entourage's tour of the Berlin Mosque. We are equally thankful to Brother Yasir Aziz, Caretaker of the Berlin Mosque, for penning such a comprehensive activities' report. *JazakAllah* and may Allah (swt) bless them both for their contributions.

With the publication of this special supplement we will complete the tour activities of Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum of the mainland Europe. However, Brother Sjaikh Kasiem, President of AAII (N), promised to mail us some photographs, so there is a possibility of another supplement for the mainland Europe.

Towards the end of this supplement you will notice some lovely roses in bloom. In the link below you will observe a U-Tube video-clip taken on the occasion of the German *Jumu'ah* sermon, "Jihad in German Society," delivered by our respected brother AAS Santoe Sahib, European Representative of the Central Anjuman. Also in this video-clip you will see the Berlin Mosque under repair and a flower garden with a variety of multi-coloured roses. Brother Santoe Sahib referred to these roses as "Akbar's Roses" since on my last visit to the Berlin Mosque in 2002 I donated to the then *Imam*, Chaudhary Saeed Ahmad Sahib, and his assistant Muhammad Ali, the cost of maintenance and upkeep of the garden. *JazakAllah*, for the last ten years, year after year, these roses kept blooming. This is a good omen for the Berlin Mosque and I request Brother Yasir Aziz, Caretaker of the Mosque, to take good care of the rose garden. The link to the U-Tube video-clip stored in the Central Anjuman's archive is:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22INPD2OqAo>

Since Brigadier Mohammad Sahib, along with other delegates from Pakistan, had departed from Berlin after the first *Jumu'ah*, we do not have any photographs of Hazrat Ameer-i-Qaum's activities of the second *Jumu'ah*. The publication of the article with photographs taken during Hazrat Ameer's interview by a local news magazine reporter and photographer is expected to appear sometime in December of this year. *InshaaAllah*, we will publish their article with photographs in *The HOPE Bulletin* as and when they are made available to us.

Our next supplements will include Hazrat Ameer's hectic activities in the United Kingdom. He is expected to return to Lahore, Pakistan soon, after a very successful tour mainland European and the United Kingdom. Please pray for his success in Europe and safe journey home. Upon his return to Lahore he will actively be involved in the preparation of next month's Salana Duaiyya in Darus Salam, Lahore. Please also pray for the complete success of this sacred conference of our *Jama'at*.



Report on Hazrat Ameer's visit to the Berlin Mosque by Yasir Aziz

On the 21st of October 2011, the AAJIL conducted a symposium at the Berlin Mosque situated at Brienner Str. 8, Berlin.



Silhouette of the Mosque from across two streets

Arrival of delegation in Berlin

Hazrat Ameer-e-Qaum arrived at 11 a.m. at the Mission House with the Holland delegation. There were around 56 people from Holland, including Hazrat Ameer, the General Secretary, and Brig. and Mrs Mohammad Saeed from Pakistan.



Delegates accompanying Hazrat Ameer debussing at the Mosque



At the entrance to the Mission House



Ladies relaxing after the long journey



A welcome cup of tea

21 October – Delivered *khutbah* on “Friendship of Allah with the people”



Elvin Muradin calling the *azaan*

As it was Friday, Hazrat Ameer delivered the *khutbah*.



A.S. Abdul Santoe introducing Hazrat Ameer

There were around 100 people present, including people from Berlin from different walks of life. Hazrat Ameer's *khutbah* was on the topic "Friendship of Allah with the people," and he gave a very comprehensive and spiritual definition of the verse that talks about people who believe, that they are friends of Allah and that Allah takes them out of darkness into light. Everyone praised the *khutbah* and many stayed back to meet Hazrat Ameer and ask questions about the Movement.





Symposium

After the Friday prayers, there was a short break before the start of the symposium. The programme started at 14:30 p.m. with the recitation of Holy Quran by Yasir Aziz.



Yasir Aziz (left), the acting Caretaker of the Mosque

The General Secretary, AAHL, made a presentation on the topic “The religion of Islam.”



Amir Aziz making his presentation on “The Religion of Islam”

Presentation by architect on Mosque Renovation Project

After the General Secretary's speech, the European Regional Coordinator, Mr. A.S. Santoe Sahib, introduced the architect who is doing the work of renovating the Berlin Mosque. Dr. Peter Lemburg gave a short presentation on the renovation work that is immediately required and said he will present his study report shortly.



Dr. Lemburg, the architect, explaining the Mosque Renovation Project



The beautiful interior of the Mosque

Speeches were made by other members of the delegation, as well. They included Sheikh Qasim, Munoo Singh, Khalida Badoella, and Sahiba Saeed.



Sjaikh Kasiem, President of AAHL Netherlands



Rafik Monnosong, delegate from Surinam



Another delegate from Surinam



Sufi Ahmad Khurshid



Sabiha Saeed from Pakistan



Galida Badoella from Surinam



Imaam Naeem Nasrullah from Rotterdam

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

طُهُ مَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ لِتَشْكُرَ إِلَّا

تَذَكَّرَ قَلِيلًا مَخْشِيًا تَتَرَى كَيْفَ يَخْلَقُ الْأَرْضَ

السَّمَوَاتِ الْعُلَى الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَى

مَلَكُهَا

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Meeting with Christian Danish couple

When Hazrat Ameer arrived in Berlin, he wanted to thank the people who had helped us after an arson attack on the Mosque in January, 2011. As a gesture of goodness, we invited the people from the Danish Church to a dinner. They were the first ones to offer help and gave the paint for the door as a gesture of goodwill. During the dinner, Hazrat Ameer thanked them for their help and also showed them different parts of Holy Quran that mention the story of Prophet Jesus and his mother, Mary. The couple was very impressed by the talk and they assured us they will remain in contact.



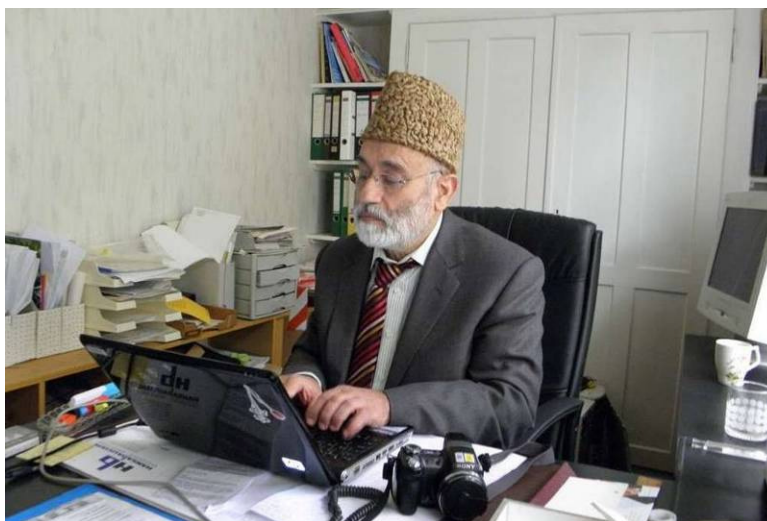
With Caretakers of the neighbouring Danish Church

Interview with reporter

During Hazrat Ameer's stay, a reporter came to interview him and they talked about the Mosque and its functionality and importance for Muslims in Berlin. Hazrat Ameer told the reporter about the history of the Mosque and gave him the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement point of view in a very effective way. The reporter and his photographer were very impressed by the discussion and they promised to cover Friday prayers whenever their future schedule allows them to do so.

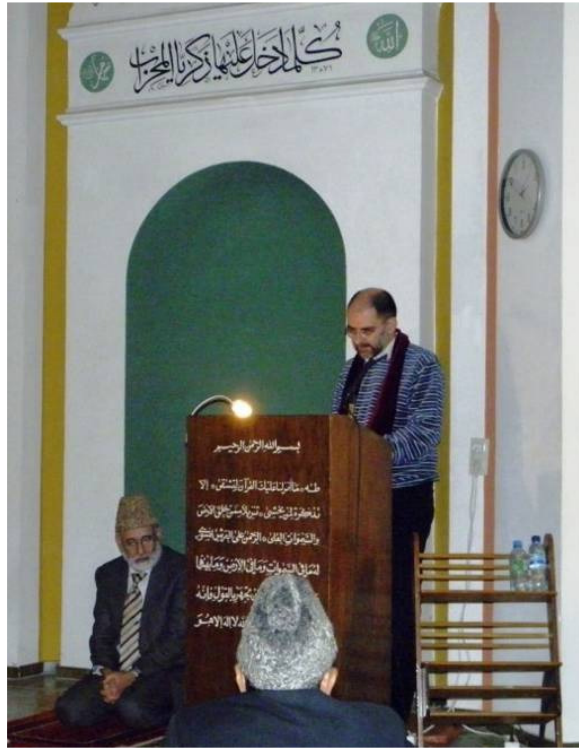
28 October – Delivered *khutbah* on *Surah Al Fatiha*

On the 28th of October 2011, Hazrat Ameer also delivered the Friday *khutba*. This time he gave a very knowledgeable speech on *Surah Al Fatiha* and talked about the peaceful message of Islam in the light of the Holy Quran. The message was well received by all those who attended and many gave positive feedback.



Hazrat Ameer at work in the *Imaam's* office

The sermons on both Fridays were followed by translation into German by a member who is well-versed in Arabic, English and German. Hazrat Ameer thanked him for his co-operation.



Andreas Ismail Mohr reading out the German summary of Hazrat Ameer's *khutbah*

Meeting with Director Berlin Monument Department



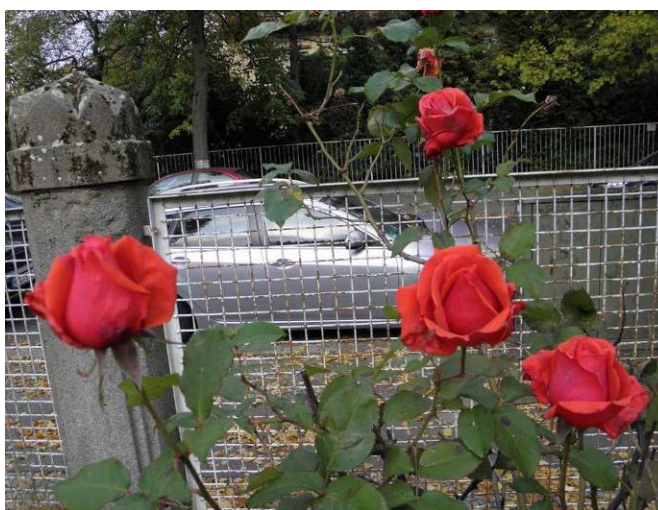
Discussion with the Director Berlin Monument Department Dr. Schmidt and the architect Dr. Lemburg

29 October – Departed for the UK

After having a very fruitful stay in Berlin, Hazrat Ameer left for England on the 29th of October 2011. May Allah make his stay in England very fruitful and a blessed one for the *Jamaat* in the UK. *Ameen*.



Waiting for the train



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