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An authentic and comprehensive biography of Hazrat Tajul Arefeen Makhdoom Shah Mohammed Mujeebullah Quadri Phulwarwi(QS), the founder of Khanquah Mujeebia, the details of his intellectual and spiritual services, his deputies, his contemporaries and his successors based on and inspired by Hazrat Maulana Alhaj Syed Shah Helal Ahmed Quadri's (MZA) Seerat-e-Peer Mujeeb (QS)

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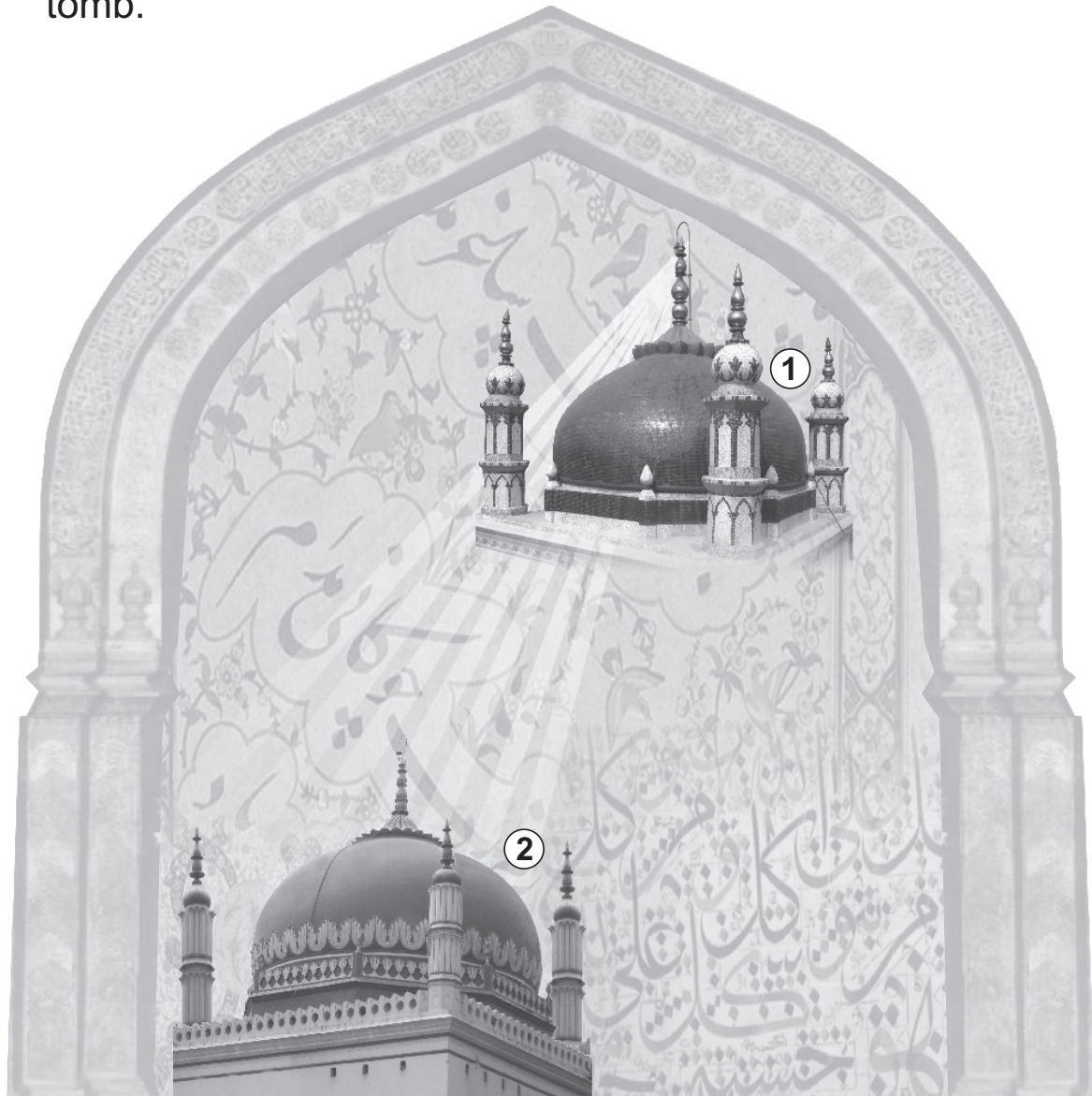
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**The pictures on the cover of the book are the domes
at Khanqah Mujeebia:**

1. The top right side is the dome of the Holy Hair Relics of the Prophet ﷺ.
2. The bottom left side is the dome of Hazrat Tajul Arefeen's (QS) tomb.



The picture (1) signifies the spiritual illumination of the rays originating from the Holy Hair Relics of the Prophet ﷺ to the tomb of Hazrat Tajul Arefeen's (QS).

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book

to my Peer Murshid his Holiness Amanulmustajereen **Hazrat Maulana Syed Shah Mohammed Amanullah Quadri (QS)**. He indeed was Hazrat Tajul Arefeen (QS) of his time. He revolutionized my life and the lives of millions of muslims like me,

to my spiritual patron, **Hazrat Maulana Syed Shah Mohammed Nizamuddin Quadri Phulwarwi (QS)**, who was Nizamuddin Thani of his time. He guided me on all crucial matters of my life,

to Arif Billah **Hazrat Maulana Syed Shah Mohammed Rizwanullah Quadri Mujeebi (QS)**, cast in the image of his father, was all love and generosity to his muridans (disciples)

and

to his holiness **Hazrat Maulana Syed Shah Mohammed Ayatullah Quadri(MZA)**, the current Sajjadah Nasheen of Hazrat Tajul Arefeen(QS). He is truly a portrait of his grandfather and a master of his time. May Allah protect him, keep him fit and fine to guide the destiny of his followers for eternity. Aameen!

Foreword

English Version

Foreword

The need for compiling a history of the Khanquah Hazrat Tajul Arefeen (QS) in English language has been felt for quite sometime. For such a mission, time was looking forward to a man of letters, presumably deeply attached to تصوف and its exalted personages and rich traditions, with pretty good command of English language and literature. Besides, it sounded significant that such a writer would also be devoted to the Khanquah Mujeebia with all its rich and lofty moral and spiritual legacies. Unfortunately, some writers these days, in the name of research and evaluation in this field, tend to blemish the noble traditions and firmly established moral values of the exalted institution of the Khanquahs.

Indeed, some years back, a so-called literate person from Aligarh, wrote down a history of the Khanquah in English, and got it edited without the prior knowledge and due permission of the Saheb-e-Sajjadah, and the related responsible scholars over there. The book proved a mess and an utter failure as its content fell far away from the facts pertaining to the illustrious history and traditions of the Khanquah; a bundle of historical errors, rather a deliberate effort to mutilate the fair name of the great spiritual institution and its cherished and noble mission. The said book was dismally rejected by the Khanquah, refuting any links with it. Finally, the compiler of the book stood a deviant in the eyes of the Khanquah and its scholars, although the writer's ancestors and his entire household stayed attached to the Khanquah and were upheld in society as devotees; the compiler was duly corrected for his glaring misstatements made in the book.

Indeed, such things normally occur when some ill-bred and unqualified person gets hold of the pen which cannot but only betray his own moral and intellectual destitution.

In order to compile a history of such institutions as the Khanquah, it is evidently essential, therefore, that the compiler, besides being amply equipped with the tools of evaluation such as a discerning eye and absolute dedication, should be in possession of the required materials which lie scattered over the long range of writings and biographical details of the noted spiritual scholars and benefactors of humanity as attached to the Khanquah.

The well-known book "Asarat-e-Phulwarisharif" entitled "Ayan-e-Waten", compiled long ago by Hazrat Mualana Hakeem Shoaib Phulwarwi, carries detailed references of the various families belonging to the highly respected and distinguished Jafari and Zainabi clans, and others who emigrated to and eventually settled in Phulwarisharif long ago. It was, indeed, very difficult to sort out and collect the specific references of the Khanquah Mujeebia and its spiritual guides and scholars, spread over the said book. With the publication of "سیرت" 'سیرت'، it became easier to compile the history and the historical and biographical records of the Khanquah into English, as this pioneering compilation has succeeded in bringing forth the essential historical records along with the spiritual and biographical references of Hazrat Tajul Aerfeen(QS). Towards this salutary errand, Professor Dr. Syed Shamim Ahmed, a person of very high moral, intellectual and educational calibre, belonging to an equally high and rich ancestral background, an expert in English language and literature, with a long and splendid experience of teaching English language, offered his services.

In fact, in Prof. Shamim Ahmed we have been fortunate enough to find a personality built on rich academic ability as well as admirable high moral and intellectual qualification, a devotee of Hazrat Maulana Syed Shah Amaanullah Quadri(QS) (may Allah bless his soul), with a tremendous record of moral and spiritual devotion of the entire family to

the Khanquah over a couple of generations, taking it all a matter of bliss for both the worlds.

The fact remains that Prof. Shamim Ahmed has worked very hard, and has lent the present book the shape of a mission, and we feel obliged to write a few lines by way of introducing him to the readers.

Prof. Shamim Ahmed's ancestry goes back to the noble and distinguished Zaidi Saadat clan which had earlier settled in KARAE PERSARAE, a small village in Patna district in Bihar. Nearby lies the village of Salarpur. As time went, the people of both these villages came close together, and thus developed matrimonial relations between each other.

Prof. Shamim Ahmed's maternal home was KARAI which is presently situated in the district of Nalanda in Bihar. The family members in Karai and Karaiparsarai already had blood relationship, making Prof. Shamim Ahmed's maternal and paternal homes one and the same family. This family happens to be most well-known family of the original Saadat in the state of Bihar. All these people were big landowners, but were highly educated, deeply religious in character and remarkably sophisticated in taste and culture.

The towering personages like Nawab Imdaad Imam Asar, Sir Ali Imam and Mr. Justice Noorul Huda (the founder of Madrasa Shamsul Huda, Patna) to name a few, were closely related to his family. Prof. Shamim Ahmed's revered father, the late Prof. S.M. Ahmed, held high offices in education and teaching, and is today remembered for his scholarship as well as his profound moral and religious character, and was a close spiritual desciple of the great and noble Hazrat Syed Shah Mohiuddin Quadri(QS). Thus, Prof. Shamim Ahmed's entire house is marked for a distinguished moral, spiritual, educational and intellectual character, and bears many-sided relationships with the Khanquah Mujeebia.

The compiler of this book carries experience of teaching English

language for over half a century. He did his Masters in English from Patna University, Master of Education from Ranchi University, and Ph.D. from Patna University. Later, he obtained an additional and very significant qualification in English teaching Methodology, and Linguistics from the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad (which is now an established and reputed International university for Foreign Language teaching).

For several years, Prof. Shamim Ahmed taught English in different universities of India. Then by Almighty's grace, he was chosen to benefit the Arabs with the expertise of his teaching language; he taught English for about three years at the University of Oran, Algeria; then at the King Saud University, Riyadh, for sixteen years, and later for eight years at the Jazan University. Finally, considering his compelling ability and profound sense of service, the govt. of Saudi Arabia offered him a teaching position in Jeddah where he served the institution for over ten years.

After a long period of teaching English to the Arab and non-Arab students, Prof. Shamim Ahmed is back home. All along his teaching year, he kept himself engaged in writing research papers and attending seminars and symposia relating to English; one of which was his remarkable research article "Orientalists and Islam" which was warmly received and appreciated by the Arabs; another was on translating the Holy Quran into English language. Thus Prof. Shamim Ahmed was fully entitled to compile a missionary work like compiling a history of Hazrat Tajul Arefeen(QS) and the Khanquah Peer Mujeeb in English language. It was only a matter of time; the fact is that it is always by Almighty's grace that a piece of work or a mission is carried out at its appointed time divinely assigned to it, and then it is the spiritual guidance of the Almighty's blessed and graced ones which select and choose the right person for the said work, and continue to provide guidance even after their passing away. It was, in fact, this spiritual backup that made an ordinary disciple like myself compile the great task of writing the pioneering book "Seerat-e-Peer Mujeeb(QS)" and

choose an able and qualified disciple for its rendering into English.*

Prof. Shamim Ahmed's book entitled "*The Magnificence of Peer Mujeeb(QS)*" has been compiled in the light of "*Seerat-e-Peer Mujeeb(QS)*". As a matter of fact, it began as a translation of the aforesaid work, but the able translator and compiler, through his immensely creative literary taste and scholarship, as well as his profound dedication to his mission, planning and organising its content and the pattern in which he has translated the content into English, has gone to give it the form of a thorough and complete book. It would rather be unfair to name it a mere rendering of the "*Seerat-e-Peer Mujeeb(QS)*" into English. Retaining the basic content, the able compiler has provided significant and useful historical additions to his present book, not available in "*Seerat-e-Peer Mujeeb(QS)*".

Prof. Shamim Ahmed's book "*The Magnificence of Peer Mujeeb(QS)*" is spread over sixteen chapters. The first chapter is entitled "The Spiritual Legacy of Hazrat Tajul Arefeen(QS); the love of the Prophet ﷺ". In this chapter the compiler stresses upon the fact that the foundation of the Khanquah Tajul Arefeen(QS) is genuinely laid upon the Love of the Prophet ﷺ, and that Hazrat Tajul Arefeen(QS) has obtained this divine wealth through tradition, and also that the Almighty has generously and naturally favoured him in his inheritance.

The useful additional references the able compiler has made

* Hazrat Makhdoomi Maulana Al-Hajj Syed Shah Helal Ahmad Quadri Mujeebi(MZA), the noted compiler of the masterpiece "*Seerat-e-Peer Mujeeb(QS)*" is among the worthy sons of the Khanquah Mujeebia, Phulwarishareef, Patna. Throughout the Indo-Pak sub-continent, he is known for his tremendous scholarship and spiritual insight. Whatever, I, a very small man with immensely modest ability, have been able to pen down in this present book, is indeed, the result of Hazrat Maulana's blessings; his pioneering work, "*Seerat-e-Peer Mujeeb(QS)*" being a torch-bearer for me and my work. He is a beaming sun, and I am just a dwindling candle; his work remains original for all the times to come, and mine a mere pursuit of it. He is indeed a portrait of love and modesty. May the Almighty raise him higher in dignity and spirituality, and keep us all under his benign supplications. Ameen!

through his study in this book are worthy of the magnificence of Peer Mujeeb(QS).

In the eleventh chapter, he has referred to the glorious succession of Sajjaadgan Tajul Arefeen(QS) in details, hinting thereby, that in this way, the readers will be benefitted with the history of the noble and glorious chain of succession of the Sajjaadgan of the Khanquah Mujeebia, right from Hazrat Shaikhul Aalamin Makhdoom Shah Nematullah Quadri to the present Saheb-e-Sajjadah, his Holiness Makhdoom Syed Shah Ayatullah Quadri (MZA).

In the last chapter, the able compiler has been judicious enough to incorporate into his writing the striking aspects that the Khanquah, besides its moral and spiritual services, he has carried on with religious instruction, which has been running by the name of "Darul-Uloom Mujeebia". The profound educational and intellectual flair deep-rooted in the texture of the Khanquah in published as well as unpublished form, composed of the rarest books can be seen in the existence of a big flourishing library here. Also, for the guidance and instruction of the Muslim community, publication of remarkably useful writings related to Tasawwuf and Islamiyat, there runs a publishing organisation in the Khanquah which is reflective of, and witness to, Khanquah's enduring educational and instructional services. There is also one quarterly magazine called "Al-Mujeeb" being published to this effect from this publishing organisation. Here in the same chapter, the compiler has referred to a big scullery which speaks for the institution's significant social service to the community.

Thus, Prof. Shamim Ahmed's present book can be termed an authentic document on the life and personality of the founder of the Khanquah as well as the highly useful biographical details of the exalted scholars and architects of the Khanquah, and the living history of the Khanquah in English language.

In the larger context of historical writings on the Khanquah Mujeebia, one book in English entitled "*Hazrat Tajul Arfin(QS) and the*

Glorious Successions" compiled by Prof. Syed Aziz Ahmed, Prof. Shamim Ahmed's younger brother, is already published. Though quite fluent and well-expressed, it remains an introductory short history of the Khanquah. Prof. Shamim Ahmed's compilation, however, is comprehensive on the topic.

Prof. Syed Shamim Ahmed is, indeed, worthy of immense salutations for his present book. He has, infact, accomplished a mission after his retirement from active government services. May the Almighty bless him with the prayers of the elders, and he live longer, and keep himself occupied with the like noble obligations, with a sound and flourishing health. Ameen!!

A book written in English language deserves to be forewarded by someone expert in that language. As for me, I feel rather too small in terms of even my own native tongue. It was, indeed, the compiler's keen insistence that I have scribbled a few lines by way of introducing the author and the book. The reader alone will decide upon the worth and merit of the book, and in terms of language and literature the book itself will introduce the compiler of the book best.

Helal Ahmed Quadri

Phulwari Shareef

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The foreword is an English translation of the original *تقديم* in Urdu by Hazrat Maulana Alhaj Syed Shah Helal Ahmed Quadri(MZA). The English version is written by Dr. Syed Sami Ahmed, a distinguished teacher and a scholar of English.