

## **Seerat-Un-Nabi (PBUH) Jalsa**

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2009, the Seerat-Un-Nabi (PBUH) Jalsa was held at the Bait-UI-Huda Mosque in Sydney. This Jalsa is held by most Ahmadi Communities around the World to celebrate the blessed life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

The Jalsa was chaired Khalid Saifullah, Naib Ameer of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Australia. It commenced at 2pm with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Syed Tariq Ahmad followed by a nazm by Zafar Mustafa.

Azhar Mahmood Ahmad delivered the first speech of the session in Urdu. He spoke about Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) sole purpose of life, which was worship of God. He was kind to all mankind and God's creatures.

Next, Javed Ahmedi presented a speech in English highlighting the teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in regards to the 'rules of engagement' in times of War. The speaker described the events of the Battle of Badr and how the Holy Prophet (PBUH) forbade mutilating or cheating the enemies as well as stopping his followers to kill children and women. The only reason fighting is allowed is to protect Islam and for self-defence, but more importantly in self-defence. War should not be initiated for power, money or greed.

Another Urdu speech was given by Abdul Noor Aftab on how the Holy Prophet (PBUH) spent most of his time in the remembrance of Allah.

The final speech of the session was delivered by Sharfraz Rahim on how Islam was spread in the World through the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) compassion and kindness, even during War. Freedom of conscience and religion as well as tolerance was encouraged by the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

After this series of very informative and knowledgeable speeches, the Jalsa concluded at 3:35pm with silent prayers led by Khalid Saifullah.