Shaykh Nadwi (RA)’s Dawah warning to Burmese Muslims (1961)

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{jb_quote}Shaykh Abul Hasan Ali Nawdi (RA) was one of the leading Islamic Scholars of the last (20th) century and here is an excerpt of his stark warning to Burmese Muslims in 1961 if they neglected the work of Dawah. Shaykh (RA)’s words are just as penetrative and thought provoking in 2012 for Muslims around the world as they were to Burmese Muslims in 1961!{/jb_quote}

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Shaykh Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi (RA)

{jb_dropcap}S{/jb_dropcap}haykh Abul Hasan Ali Nawdi (RA) was phenomenal historian, Islamic scholar and thinker of the last (20th) century and recognised as one of the most influential of his time. He was a founder member of the Muslim World League (Rabita), a member of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), a member of the World Supreme Council of Mosques, and a member of the Fiqh Council of Rabita. He was also a member of Advisory Council of the Islamic University of Madinah al-Munawwarah, a member of its Supreme Council, and a member of the Academy of Arts and Letters of Damascus, ria. He was also a founder member of the League of the Islamic Literature in India. He participated in many other activities through Islamic organizations and institutions; including the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY). In India, he was a rector of Nadwatul Ulama, and president of the Academy of Islamic Research and Publications. He was highly respected by Ulama and political leaders alike, and in 1980, he was awarded the prestigious King Faisal Award for serving Islam. He was also awarded the Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah International Prize and an 'Islamic Scholarship' plaque by Oxford University in 1999.

Here is his speech to Burmese Muslims in 1961 and we have decided to translate an excerpt into English where he warns them of the dire consequences of neglecting the work of Dawah.

{jb_bluebox}This time which is passing by should be valued and if you make an effort for the Deen of Allah (SWT) during this time then Allah (SWT) will grant you this country in this world and paradise in the hereafter. But if you don’t make the effort (of Dawah) then mark my words that you won’t be able to live in this country and I am not making a political statement rather, Allah (SWT) grants insight to every believer and in the illumination granted by this insight I am making this (categorical) statement that if you don’t make the effort for the Deen of Allah (SWT) with sincerity you will be expelled from this country and when those circumstances arise your business and factories won’t be spared! Those who are listening to me should remember what I am

saying! I am not an Buzurg (saintly person) who is able to predict the future rather this is so obvious like someone predicting rain when witnessing the clouds. So remember that hard times are about to come...{/jb_bluebox}