

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful*

## Hazrat Ameer's Eid ul Fitr Message

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شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ

*The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was revealed, a guidance to men and clear proofs of the guidance and the Criterion.*

*(Al Baqarah 2:185)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

*Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaato Hu.*

We have almost reached the end of the month of Ramadan and it gives me great pleasure to wish you a very happy Eid ul Fitr.

The literal meaning of Eid is 'ever recurring happiness' and there is good reason to be happy. We have, hopefully, made spiritual progress by devoting a whole month to fasting, prayers, recitation and study of the Holy Qur'an as well as listening to it in the *taraveeh* prayers and abstaining from all forms of sin and wrongdoing. Abstinence helps us in developing self-control and good habits. Ramadan is a month of *mujahidah*, that is, a struggle for self-improvement and an effort to tread on the path of righteousness so that we can attain nearness to Allah.

In my Ramadan message I had emphasised that there is a special relationship between the Holy Qur'an and the month of Ramadan. While fasting, if we do not develop this relationship with the Holy Qur'an, just abstaining from food and drink will not help us on our way to attaining *taqwah*, which is the ultimate goal of all Muslims. Ramadan is a crash course in *taqwah*. Committing to this crash course and undergoing its hardships and voluntarily fulfilling the requirements and duties it imposes on us, helps us in attaining this state. Making a special effort to strictly and wholeheartedly observe our religious duties such as prayers, understanding of the Holy Qur'an and generously spending in the way of Allah

are the steps which can bring us closer to Allah. This is also the answer to our supplication to Almighty Allah in our daily prayers for guiding us on *siraat e mustaqeem*, that is, the path of steadfastness. Fervent prayers in the month of Ramadan help us in our spiritual progress. It is a matter of self-assessment. Only a person himself can assess how far he has succeeded in his efforts for spiritual progress.

I can say with full confidence that whatever we have achieved during the month of Ramadan must have nourished and strengthened our soul. I sincerely pray and advise that we must now continue in the righteous way of life that we adopted during this month and on the day of Eid resolve to continue on the path of spiritual progress. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the strength to do so.

*Aameen summa aameen.*

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