

The Congratulatory Address

on the occasion of

EID

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Transcript of Sayyed Ahmed Alhasan's congratulatory address
On the occasion of Eid Al -Fitr¹ for the year 2022

¹ Eid Al-Fitr is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide because it marks the end of the month of Ramadan.

Peace be upon you all.

O God, may your prayers be upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.

May your blessings be upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.

May your mercy be upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, and may you have mercy on us because of them, O You, Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

O Generous One, O God:

I ask God that all of you are well and in good health on this blessed night.

Tomorrow (Monday) is the first day of Shawwal, the month of goodness.

May you be well every year, and may God accept your fasting and [good] deeds.

The crescent moon is now 23 hours [old]. At sunset tonight, people in many areas can see it, from Egypt and the countries west of there all the way to the American continents.

When the crescent moon is new, its significance applies to the entire earth (not just part of it). This fact becomes evident the following day; the moon's crescent is larger, confirming that it is two days old.

In general, fasting on the day of Eid (which is tomorrow) is prohibited, just as not fasting is prohibited in the month of Ramadan. Therefore, I advise every Muslim not to afflict themselves with fasting this day of Eid.

On the occasion of the coming of the blessed Eid Al-Fitr, may you be in good health and wellness in regard to religion and this worldly life.

Praise be to God who fulfilled for us fasting in the month of Ramadan by His favor and mercy.

I ask God for a gracious acceptance of our fasting and to make it an impenetrable fortress for our souls while being tested in this lower world.

Today, as we end this honorable month, we must sit and reflect, holding ourselves accountable and taking inventory, as they say. We must look at our situation and recognize the truth about ourselves so that we can hold ourselves accountable and fix all the corruption within.

Perhaps the most important thing to assess within ourselves and our state as we complete this honorable month is not how many Quranic chapters we read, how many supplications we read, or how many units of prayer we performed. The most important thing is: what is the end result?

What results have our souls achieved from this honorable month and these deeds?

Are we still as we were, or did we take a step or steps towards God Almighty?

Are we still ostentatious in our worship and the doing of good, and other similar acts?

Are the ego and selfishness still controlling us and our behavior and conduct?

How much did we rid ourselves of them [evil and selfishness]?

Are our hearts still hard, or did they soften due to remembrance of God?

Are our tears still resistant or do they flow in the remembrance of God Almighty and His supporters?

The truth I say to you: If we end up in the same place at the end of the month of Ramadan that we started from, we have lost and wasted it. We have only ourselves to blame and must hold ourselves strongly accountable.

Our loss is tremendous if we fall under the category of the many who fast and only obtain hunger and thirst from their fasting.

We seek refuge in God from being of those who have lost in the month of Ramadan and from our share in this month being just hunger and thirst.

I ask God, for you and for me: may it be written that we are of those who practice remembrance, thankfulness, and sincerity as we come to the end of this honorable month. He is my supporter, and He supports the righteous ones.

And may the peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you.

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