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Hazrat Ameer's Ramadan Message (1428 Hijrah / 2007)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ
عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَفَقَّدُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

O you who believe fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil
(Al-Baqarah 2:183)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

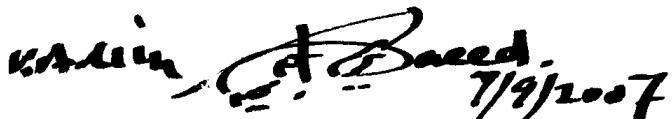
Next week starts the blessed month of Ramadan; a once a year opportunity for the Muslims of the world to renew their resolve to fast and pray and get closer to Allah and journey further on the path of *Taqwah* (guarding against evil). I realise as a doctor that the translation of the Arabic word *kutiba* has been most appropriately rendered as *prescribed* by Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ali Sahib. When the body gets diseased, the sufferer and all those who care for him get worried and there is nothing that they would not do for the life and health of one dear to them. The doctor also strives to the best of his ability to benefit the patient with his professional skills. Allah has created all humans and He knows the illness from which the soul of a person may suffer. He also knows what would be the best treatment; and in this case He has prescribed fasting as a means of curing the illness of the soul. It is purging of this illness which leads a person to a spiritually healthy soul; the good health of the soul may be called *Taqwah*.

I request all the people who will be reading or hearing this message to most productively utilise this time Allah has provided us especially the last ten blessed nights of the month of Ramadan. The *Tahajjad* prayer should be made mandatory upon oneself especially during Ramadan. From the core of our hearts we should pray for the progress of Islam in these difficult times; for our leaders to work towards a more peaceful world and for wisdom of the people to make a concerted effort to bring peace to the world and make it a better place for our future generations.

I would like to remind our Ahmadi brothers and sisters that seventh of September (the day I am writing this message) is a very sad day in the history of our Jama'at; it is the day when we were declared a non-Muslim minority in Pakistan by an act of parliament in spite of being the professors of faith and absolute belief in the finality of prophet hood of Hazrat Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Let us in this Ramadan avail the opportunity to beseech Allah fervently in all our prayers, especially the *Tahajjud* prayer, that He may give wisdom to the leadership of this country and Muslims all over the world to take the bold step of reversing this decision which has impinged the freedom of all human beings to choose their religion and practice it freely. Please pray that we are able to spread Islam in the world through peaceful means.

I wish you all a happy Ramadan and hope that all of us will be spiritually more robust and nearer to Allah at the end of the month.

Aameen.



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