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## Hazrat Ameer's Eid ul Fitr Message

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وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَضَتْ غَزْلَهَا مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ أَنْكَا<sup>ط</sup>

*And be not like her who unravels her yarn, disintegrating it into pieces, after she has spun it strongly. (16:92)*

Ramadan, being a month of fasting, prayers and complete submission to the dictates of Allah Ta'ala, (*abdiyyat*), has blessed us with an opportunity to draw nearer to Him. We bow our heads in gratitude to Allah Ta'ala Who granted us this chance to fast, pray and ask for forgiveness of our sins. In His infinite mercy He has promised to forgive us our sins and protect us against evil inclinations which are likened to the "fire of hell", if we sincerely repent during this Holy Month.

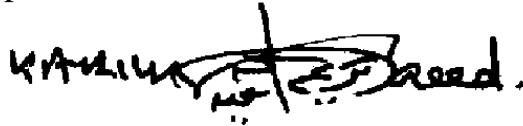
In the light of the verse I have quoted above, imagine a person who spends a whole month spinning a strong yarn. This yarn represents the need for sustenance of the spiritual life ahead. At the end of the month he decides to unravel it and shred it into pieces, thus making futile all the efforts he has put in. We too have spent a month spinning a yarn that would be a means of nourishment for our souls and a means to protect them. A person who unravels this yarn would be deemed of having an unsound mind.

Eid day is not just a moment of celebration; it is a day of thanking Allah Ta'ala for the health and opportunity He granted us to undertake this spiritual exercise of perseverance, patience, prayer and submission to His Will. It is a day of sharing with the less blessed. It is a day for spreading goodwill and love amongst all

peoples irrespective of their caste, creed, colour and status. It is also a day for making firm resolutions; the foremost of these is not to follow the parable of the person mentioned in the Qur'anic verse who unravels the yarn but to benefit from the spiritual yarn which we have created in this month of fasting. Let us resolve that we will strive to add more to it through continuing efforts till another Ramadan gives us this opportunity again.

Let us leave the congregations after Eid prayers with a determination that we will continue to shun evil as we have done in the month of Ramadan and that we will continue to repent for our sins and progressively strengthen the bond with our Creator. If we can succeed in doing so, then we have indeed benefited from the Ramadan supplications, else we have ended up unravelling the yarn we had spun for a month. I pray that we will succeed in continuing to nurture our souls. *Aameen.*

As we celebrate Eid let us not forget to pray for all humanity and the world; for its security and peace. I pray that those who are young now and do not realise how difficult and dangerous the present times are, will grow up in a world where they can have peace and security. Let us all work towards the common goal of making this world a better place.



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