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Canadian Muslim Community Prepares to Welcome the Caliph

The World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at, the Caliph, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad set to arrive in Canada

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at Canada is excited to announce the visit by the Caliph, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad in October. The visit comes at a historical time as the community celebrates 50 years of establishment in Canada. The Caliph is scheduled to arrive on October 3, 2016 at Baitul Islam Mosque, Vaughan, ON, where a public reception ceremony will be held. Tens of thousands of Canadian Muslim men, women and children will gather to joyously receive the Caliph and welcome their spiritual leader.

The Canadian tour of the Caliph will commence with the largest and longest-running Muslim convention in the country – *Jalsa Salana Canada*. More than 25,000 people from over a dozen countries are expected to attend this unique three-day event. His Holiness will address the convention and shed light on the true and peaceful teachings of Islam.

The Caliph, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is the world's leading Muslim figure promoting peace and interreligious harmony. The Caliph has delivered lectures at renowned global venues such as Capitol Hill, the UK House of Parliament and the European Parliament, advocating for universal human rights, just international relations and the service of humanity. At a time of rising global conflict, His Holiness continues to provide crucial, timely guidance to world leaders through Islam's message of peace, justice and unity. The arrival of the Caliph marks one of the most high-profile visits by a Muslim leader to Canada.

Members of the community are working around the clock in preparation for the Caliph's visit, as they anxiously await the arrival of their spiritual leader.

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About the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at is a dynamic, fast-growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community spans over 200 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. The Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace.

