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Canadian Muslims Commemorate International Women's Day

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at celebrates women as leaders

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada honours women and celebrates their role in society, at work and in family. Women of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at are empowered, educated, confident, humble and honest members of society.

"As Ahmadi Muslim women, we celebrate International Women's Day today but also every day of our lives," said Mrs. Amtul Noor Daud, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association. *"We celebrate our privileged status because we truly believe that Islam, more than 1400 years ago, established the rights and freedoms for women which were previously unimaginable."*

The holy founder of Islam, Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him), established countless rights for women including spiritual equality, the right to seek an education, the right to inherit property and the right to vote – many of which were only granted to women of the modern world after the 1920s.

Mrs. Daud added: *"On this inspiring International Women's Day, we ask Muslims and non-Muslims alike to examine the beautiful and true teachings of Islam to understand the enormous respect and honour that Islam has given to women."*

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About the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic and fast-growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans over 200 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. The Community 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, its founder. Ahmad claimed that God had sent him, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed, reinstitute morality, justice & peace, and, most importantly, to teach mankind how to re-establish personal relationship with God.

