



*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful*

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*Eid-ul-Adha 2007*  
*Celebrations at*  
*Central Anjuman*



## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Akbar Abdullah**

We again thank Hazrat Ameer, Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed Pasha Sahib, who asked his Personal Assistant, Mudassar Aziz, to send us a selection of some of the more than 400 photographs taken at the Central Mosque, Lahore, during the occasion of the *Eid-ul-Adha* 2007 gathering.

We are publishing these photographs for your viewing pleasure. Again, we will be pleased to receive your views and comments on our modest effort to produce this news magazine for the benefit of our global *Jama'ats* and to achieve this goal we welcome your submissions to keep it going. May Allah (*swt*), with His bountiful mercy, bless us all and protect us at all times from any harm, inflictions or adversities.  
*Aameen*

We are indeed grateful to *Ameer-i-Qaum*, Dr. Pasha Sahib, and the *Jama'at* at Lahore for their unstinting support in our earnest endeavour to promote togetherness of our worldwide *Jama'ats* through our esteemed journal, *The HOPE Bulletin*. Similarly, we are thankful to our global *Jama'ats* for their regular contributions of text material, articles, photographs, *Jama'at* news and activities to keep our *Bulletin* going. *Jazak Allah!*

In a telephonic conversation Hazrat Ameer informed us that his *Eid-ul-Adha* message of 2007 was the basis of his *khutbah* preparation which he delivered at the Central Mosque at Lahore. We are pleased to reproduce his *Eid-ul-Adha* message in this supplement.

## **HAZRAT AMEER'S EID UL ADHA MESSAGE**

(10<sup>th</sup> Zilhaj 1428, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2007)

And when his Lord tried Abraham with certain commands he fulfilled them.

He said: Surely, I will make thee a leader of men.

(Abraham) said: And of my offspring?

My covenant does not include the wrongdoers, said He.

(*Al Baqarah*, 2:124)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this message, many Muslims are performing *Hajj* and soon all of us will be celebrating *Eid*. *Eid ul Adha* celebrations are symbolic of higher values like humbleness, devotion, spirit of sacrifice and submission to Allah, our Creator and the Creator of the Universe. These values were ordained by Allah for all mankind in all faiths and were best exemplified by Hazrat Ibrahim (Prophet Abraham), may peace of Allah be upon him.

Every outward devotional act on *Eid* has an inner moral significance; the *Eid* prayer and sacrificing of an animal both signify complete submission to Allah. Those who slaughter an animal should do so with the spirit of readiness to live, submit and sacrifice their lives for Allah if He so wills.

Today, we remember Hazrat Ibrahim's example of submission and devotion to Allah. He kept his love for Allah above his worldly desires, his family and his very life and obeyed the commands of Allah to the very letter; His command to settle his wife Hazrat Hajira and newborn son Hazrat Ismael in a desert, his willingness to sacrifice his son, and even plunge into a blazing fire.

As Muslims we should not confine ourselves only to worldly celebrations but adhere to the real spirit of *Eid* where our lives are brightened by the realisation that actual happiness lies in service to Allah.

As Ahmadis, we have pledged to spread the message of Islam in a peaceful way; we have pledged to endure hardships and face difficulties; we have pledged to always prefer religion over worldly gains. Thus, *Eid* becomes a day to renew our resolve to be prepared for any and all sacrifices in the defense and propagation of Islam, the prime goal of all members of the Ahmadiyya *Jama'at*.

I pray that Allah grants us the true spirit of *Eid* so that our prayers, sacrifices, life and death are in His service. I pray that Allah removes all hurdles that come in the way of Islam.

*Aameen.*

Dr. Abdul Karim Saeed  
*Ameer* and President  
The Worldwide Lahore Ahmadiyya  
Movement

**HAZRAT AMEER DELIVERING KHUTBAH**



**EXCHANGING EID GREETINGS**





**CHILDREN DRESSED UP FOR THE OCCASION**



## **SHARING IN *EID* SWEETS**



Or is Hazrat Ameer's granddaughter cutting a birthday cake?

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