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PRESS RELEASE

MUSLIM SECT CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Up to 15,000 Ahmadi Muslims to gather at Excel Centre in London

Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, an organisation with members in 189 countries, are today celebrating the 100th anniversary of the system of spiritual leadership known as 'Khilafat'. This system has existed since the passing of the Founder of the Community in 1908.

Under this system Ahmadi Muslims throughout the world are united under the leadership and guidance of the 'Khalifa' who is the Head of the Community worldwide. The total unity of the Ahmadiyya Community makes it unique amongst all Muslim groups.

The current Khalifa is Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad who was elected to lead the Community in April 2003. Although based in London he is accessible to all Ahmadis worldwide and in this respect he is marking this Centenary Year with a number of foreign tours.

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is the fifth Khalifa and he continues to deliver the same message as his four predecessors. That is to urge Ahmadis worldwide to become closer to God Almighty, through their prayers and good acts and to serve mankind irrespective of creed, caste or colour.

The Centenary of Khilafat is being marked by a number of events both in the UK and elsewhere. Today up to 15,000 Ahmadi Muslims from around the UK are expected at the Excel Centre in East London where Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad will address members of the Community worldwide via the Community's international satellite channel 'MTA International'.

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