Welcome to the 89th Salana Jalsa Bangladesh (This is centenary of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at, Bangladesh)

General information for the foreign guests

A. The Ahmadiyya Headquarter:-
   It is at 4, Bakshibazar Road, Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh. From the Airport it is 24 Km straight drive towards the south. It is in an unique location. To the East and south, lies the old part of Dhaka. And to the west and the north is the academic district. You will find the Dhaka Medical College, the Dhaka University, Engineering University, Aliah Madraasa, Madrasa Education Board, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board and many other Institutions. (Address: 4, Bakshibazar Road, Dhaka-1211. Phone no. 7300808 Ext. 100, Email: na.amjb@hotmail.com; atabshir@hotmail.com)

B. Climate:-
   Winter is dry normally. Temperature ranges from 10°C to 25°C during the time of Jalsa.

C. The Jalsa Gah:-
   The Jalsa gah is 52 km away from the Headquarter. It is at Mouchak in the District of Gajipur. The 90-acre Land is the Scout Jamboree field. Necessary facilities are and will be made available there.

D. Reception at the Airport:-
   All flights land at Shah Jalal International Airport. Khuddam will be there to receive you with placard ‘Jalsa Salana’. Guests are requested to inform us of their respective flight schedules and flight numbers beforehand. If in case you do not find the Khadem please use our contact numbers. Feel free to ask a co-passenger to help you with his cell phone. Most of Bangladeshis will be happy to be able to help you.

E. Accommodation:-
   We will try to accommodate as many guests as possible in Ahmadi residences and our own guest-house. Any excess/overflow will be accommodated at moderate hotels. During Jalsa guests will be staying at the Jalsa venue at appropriate accommodation (Air-conditioned room, hot & cold water arrangements).

F. Transportation:-
   There will be adequate transport connecting the Jalsa Gah and the headquarter and other places where the guests will be residing.

G. Food:-
   Local participants/guests will be served from the main langar/kitchen. Separate kitchen for the foreign guests will be available. They may also enjoy from the main langar. Guests are requested to inform the attending Khadem about food restriction, if there be any.
H. Water:-
We do not approve/encourage foreigners to drink tap water/running water. Bottled water is safe. Popular brands are Pran, Mum, Fresh. Green coconut water can be a refreshing alternative.

I. Going out alone:-
Generally it is safe for a foreigner to move alone. But we suggest that guests accompany a Khadem with them while going out.

J. Shopping:-
There are large shopping malls at Dhaka namely Basundara city, Arong, Newmarket and Baitul Mukarram. But the exciting one is the Bangabazar. It is a real Bazar. You will find thousands of customers including foreigners pushing through the crowd to collect their choicest garment at bargain prices. This is worth visiting.

K. Return Flight/Schedule:-
Guest are requested to inform their respective return flights to the office of the national Ameer.

L. Sightseeing tours:-
There will be brief sightseeing tours in and around Dhaka for the guests who arrive earlier as well as for those who would stay after the Jalsa.

M. Visit to Sunderban:-
‘Sunderban’ the largest mangrove forest, the world heritage site is 488 km from Dhaka on the South-west of Bangladesh. On the out-skirts of the Sunderban we have a large Jama’at. You are invited to join river cruise through the Sunderban and also to attend the Jalsa of Sundarban Jama’at to be held on this occasion.

N. Reception:-
A Reception will held on 12th February at a prime venue in Dhaka. This will also be treated as reception to our foreign guests as well as to our friends and dignitaries of Bangladesh.

O. Important contracts:-

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