PRESS RELEASE

‘NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN’ SCENES AT KHILAFAT CENTENARY JALSA INSPECTION

Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad inspects Jalsa Salana site amid emotionally charged crowd

The Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad today inspected the site where the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Ghana is to hold its Khilafat Centenary Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) which begins later today. The site, which belongs to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, is spread over 400 acres and is based around 60km from Accra.

The President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Ghana, Maulvi Abdul Wahab Adam escorted His Holiness around the site both on foot and by car. Following the inspection of a farm based on the site, His Holiness was escorted to the area allotted to the accommodation of guests. Upon the surprise visit of their spiritual leader hundreds of Ahmadis, both male and female, began to raise slogans of joy welcoming His Holiness. People were running side by side for the chance to get a glimpse of their beloved leader. Tears flowed from the eyes of many guests as they realised that the Khalifa was amongst them. His Holiness waved kindly to all those whom he passed whilst continually being briefed about arrangements for the Jalsa Salana.
The Press Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Abid Khan said:

“What we saw this morning were scenes that will never be forgotten. The love that emanated from the hearts of the Ahmadis upon the arrival of Hadhrat Khalifa-tul Masih V illustrated, once again, the attachment and devotion that Ahmadis feel towards the institution of Khilafat.

The people of Africa and Ghana in particular, are most fortunate that today marks the beginning of the first Jalsa Salana of this very special year. The year that we have entered marks the hundredth anniversary of the system of Khilafat (spiritual succession) and the scenes witnessed this morning show how this blessed institution continues to attract ever greater blessings from Allah the Almighty.”

The inspection ended after His Holiness individually met Ahmadi youths from Burkina Faso who had travelled over 1000km on bicycle to take part at this year’s Jalsa. There efforts showed just how deep the spirit of love for the Community is ingrained in the hearts of Ahmadi Muslims. They had to travel for days, over difficult and dangerous terrain.

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