

# Ahmadiyya Muslims Rebuild Europe's Largest Mosque to Foster Religious Harmony and Community Unity

Ahmadiyya Muslims' London Mosque Stands Tall as the Largest Privately Funded Mosque in Europe and the World, Accommodating 13,000 Worshippers

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, March 6, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community last weekend inaugurated Britain's largest mosque complex on 4 March 2023. It is the Baitul Futuh in Morden, Surrey. The mosque complex was badly damaged by a major fire in 2015. The community's determination and commitment to its principles of peace, generosity and understanding were vital to the success of this beautiful restoration. Reflecting the community's beliefs and commitment to promoting mutual respect and tolerance, the new administrative facility has an elevated five-storey façade that combines the best elements of British and Islamic architecture. It can accommodate 13,000 believers. The new building combines low energy and sustainable technology such as solar panels, efficient heating and cooling systems, and other energy and water saving



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Peace Symposium was significant. Western Europe's largest mosque conducted its 19th symposium. Islam and peace were the theme. 800 world leaders, lawmakers, diplomats, religious and civic leaders, charitable and religious leaders gathered.



Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community contributed £20 million to the project.

elements which contribute towards the building's overall green footprint.

# Mutual respect

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was established by Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in India towards

the end of the 19th century as a religious movement within Islam. The teachings of this group are founded on Islamic principles, but they have been updated to reflect contemporary values such as tolerance and acceptance. While the group has been persecuted for their views in certain nations, they are dedicated to spreading harmony and tolerance everywhere they travel. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's slogan, "Love for Everyone, Hate for None," is based on the teachings of Islam and serves as an affirmation of their positive patriotism and an endorsement of the value of charity and peace. By adhering to this guiding concept, the community is declaring its intention to foster harmony and mutual respect among its members of various cultural and religious backgrounds. They stress the need of talking things out to prevent war and create harmony amongst people. Mutual respect and tolerance.



The global leader of the Ahmaddiyas, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, has warned of the growing potential of a Third World War and advocated for all measures to prevent and end conflict and de-escalate tensions to avoid nuclear war.



The mosque has five floors and has naturally ventilated areas, as well as two large multi-purpose halls, offices and guest rooms.

# Timeless elegance

After the devastating fire in 2015, the

planning and construction procedures were initiated. The money for the twenty million pound project came from Ahmadiyya Muslim Community members. The new building elevation combines Islamic and British architectural styles to create an attractive formal civic facade at the main entrance into the mosque complex. • The design is based on pure geometry and a symmetrical layout, which are common in Islamic architecture, particularly mosque construction. The colonnades also function as a covered meeting space. The focus on symmetry is characteristic of Islamic architecture. The deep recesses in the stone façade are overlaid with ornate screens that not only give richness to the facades but also offer seclusion for individuals within the building. The simple material palette and geometric layout provide a timeless elegance that is fitting for such a significant structure.

# Fostering peace

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has used the Baitul Futuh Mosque Complex as a site of prayer and as a symbol of their unwavering commitment to Islam. When a catastrophic fire in 2015 destroyed the administration building, the community rallied to collect money to help

rebuild it. Seeing the project through to completion exemplifies the community's ideals and dedication to fostering mutual respect and tolerance. The community's new administrative building, located in the Baitul Futuh mosque complex, is a reflection of its beliefs and dedication to fostering peace and mutual understanding. Those who live here have blended British and Islamic architectural styles, a reflection of how they have adapted to their new environment while still hanging on to their traditions and values. The new five-story building's front combines British and Islamic design features to symbolize the community's dedication



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#### Major event

Religious, politicians and members of the general public came together to discuss how to make the world a more peaceful place. His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the global community leader, delivered a very engaging keynote address at the symposium. Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad advocates global harmony and gender equality. Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community have participated in a large number of humanitarian and relief projects around the world. They have established various places around the world to serve people in need, including hospitals, schools and homes for abandoned children. They have organised various events aimed at promoting harmony between different faiths and strengthening social ties within the community. The community of Ahmadiyyas continues to grow in the world.

# Every moment today

The actions of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community show how seriously they take their goal of promoting peace and tolerance. Members welcome and engage in dialogue with people of other religions and backgrounds through their participation in various interfaith and community organisations. Regardless of one's background, "Love for all, hate for none" represents the group's overarching goal of promoting a climate of acceptance and unity. The completion of the renovation of the Baitul Futuh mosque complex is a turning point for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. It represents the community's steadfastness and commitment to uphold its rituals and values. The new building fuses styles to reflect its values and traditions. By completing the repair of the Baitul Futuh mosque complex, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community has shown its resilience and dedication to promote mutual understanding and peace. Their efforts like "Stop the CrISIS" and "True Islam" already showed in the past, how the community is serious about

promoting the values of compassion, kindness, compassion, solidarity and mutual respect. The National Peace Symposium was an opportunity for people from all sectors of life to come together and discuss ways to end conflicts to make the world a better place for all. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has made it its mission to promote peace and harmony among all peoples. We cannot repeat it enough. Its motto "Love for all, hate for none" reflects this commitment to world peace, something that is gaining importance every moment today.

#### It hasn't always been easy

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community seeks to promote peace and harmony among all people around the world through its teachings and actions. Several members of the community are active in various interfaith and community groups, which has earned them a reputation for generosity and service. Encouraging tolerance and respect for each other's beliefs and customs is emphasised in the community's teachings. The movement's founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, believed that more communication between individuals would lead to greater harmony and ultimately a more peaceful society. Permanent peace, he said, could only be achieved through the promotion of mutual respect, kindness and tolerance. Yet the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has endured setbacks to fulfil its prophetic mandate of spreading love and acceptance. Members of the group have been persecuted for their faith in a number of countries. And yet, the organisation remains steadfast in its mission to promote global peace and understanding. The Baitul Futuh mosque complex is impressive and serves as a house of worship and the ultimate symbol of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's commitment to promoting mutual respect and tolerance. It is impressive to see how the community has worked together to overcome all possible obstacles and bring the restoration project to fruition. The International Peace Symposium bringing together people from all parts of the world population to discuss how to bring peace to a chaotic world, coincided harmoniously with the inauguration of the new building.

#### Peaceful and empathetic

People around the world are inspired by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's tireless efforts to promote respect, peace and mutual understanding. Their actions and efforts show their dedication to spreading these values, their kindness and understanding between people of all backgrounds demonstrate this. As an essential part of their faith, members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community work to promote peace and harmony among all nations and peoples. They claim that Islam teaches its followers to appreciate and respect the customs and traditions of those who are different from themselves. According to them, Islam is founded on the principles of fairness, equality and tolerance for all faiths. The motto "Love for all, hate for none" represents the community's goal of being a warm and welcoming environment for people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Kindness and empathy, they say, are the most powerful weapons in the fight for world peace. To develop mutual respect and peace, the organisation's namesake, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, advocated free and honest communication. It is his firm belief that every issue and conflict can be resolved through honest discussion and a willingness to make concessions. The completion of the restoration of the Baitul Futuh mosque complex is a turning point for the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. The new government building is a synthesis of British and

Islamic styles and reflects the values and customs of the local community. The structure symbolises the resilience of the community and people's will to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals. Participants at the National Peace Symposium, which was part of the celebrations around the opening of the new government building, came from very different backgrounds to discuss how to strengthen international cooperation for peace. Global leader Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad of the Ahmaddiyas, also believes that we all need to work together on narrowing the wealth gap is essential for promoting international cooperation and peace, as economic inequality is a major contributor to global antagonism and scepticism, something that did not fall on deaf ears in these times of economic difficulties, rising prices of longevity.

### Fostering understanding

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's relentless efforts to preach peace and understanding are a good example for people around the world. People are more likely to be able to put aside their differences and find common ground if they are given the opportunity to express their opinions and treat them seriously. All these efforts show how much people value transcending cultural boundaries and learning from each other. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community considers global understanding and cooperation an important element of their faith. Their efforts to create a forum where people from all walks of life can share knowledge and progress speak volumes about their dedication to this goal. The community's dedication and perseverance were evident as they completed significant improvements to the Baitul Futuh mosque complex. Every year, people from all walks of life gather for the National Peace Symposium to discuss how to bring peace to a troubled world. The objectives of the gathering include justice and removing the root causes of conflict. Through its words and deeds, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community actively promotes world peace and togetherness. Involvement in various organisations has helped these individuals in the area build a reputation as caring leaders. Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the movement's namesake, believed that mutual respect and acceptance are crucial for the growth of society. He believed that genuine human connection and open communication were needed to create a society where all people could live in peace and harmony, and he urged this. In a number of countries, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been persecuted for its faith. However, their efforts to build mutual respect and cooperation have been indestructible. The movement has nevertheless remained true to its basic objective of promoting global peace and tolerance.

#### Dedication

The Baitul Futuh Mosque Complex is the ultimate proof and unwavering symbol of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's commitment to promoting religious harmony around the world. The community's ability to bounce back after a major disaster and restore the damaged areas is impressive, as this rebuilding and its result has strengthened and resurrected the community more than ever. No major disaster can make the community small, the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community are able to repair the damage and come back stronger than ever before. The views of members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community on the role of women in society also give an insight into their general open-mindedness. A group's efforts to achieve gender equality are further enhanced when women are encouraged to take up leadership roles

in their communities and when women are encouraged to pursue post-secondary education. Women have successfully taken the lead in various social initiatives, including promoting religious dialogue and organising humanitarian actions. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community attaches great importance to education because its members consider it crucial for the development of both people and communities. As a direct result of the extensive system of educational institutions available to the community, young people from all over the world have an equal opportunity to pursue higher education. Many different countries and interfaith groups have recognised the community for its efforts to promote religious tolerance and understanding. Both the United Nations and the UK government have recognised the community for its humanitarian efforts and praised its efforts to promote cultural understanding and peace. In countries where its beliefs have caused controversy, the group has been persecuted for seeking to promote a more tolerant and peaceful society. As Pakistan's minority community, they have been the target of state-sanctioned violence and discrimination. To make matters worse, the group has also been the target of persecution in Indonesia and Bangladesh, leading to verbal and physical violence against its followers. Nevertheless, Ahmadiyya Muslims have not wavered in their commitment to the principles of Islam and the promotion of tolerance and peace. Rebuilding the Baitul Futuh mosque complex has been a long and difficult process, but the community's dedication to completing the work is inspiring.

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