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American Muslim Convention Focuses on Stopping World War 3

***Oldest annual Muslim conference resumes in-person gathering to discuss
world peace initiatives and saving the world from destruction***

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA will host its 72nd Jalsa Salana (annual convention) from June 17 to 19 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. After being on hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Jalsa Salana event is expected to draw over 5,000 people to Harrisburg for presentations and discussions about international peace, leadership and unity.

Among the convention's central themes is a focus on the work required to avoid the catastrophic effects of a third world war. As a dark shadow of war hangs over a large part of the globe, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has warned for a decade on the need for absolute justice in international and national affairs to avoid the inevitability of a World War 3.

His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Khalifa (World Head) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, has led the effort to warn world leaders for nearly two decades to protect justice for all people, saying, *"For many years, I have warned the major powers of the world that they must heed the lessons from history, particularly in relation to the two catastrophic and devastating world wars that took place in the 20th Century."* The Khalifa emphasized the remedy of this perilous situation, stating, *"It is the critical need of the hour that every possible effort is made to avoid further warfare and violence. There is still time for the world to step back from the brink of disaster and so, for the sake of humanity, I urge Russia, NATO and all major powers to concentrate all their efforts on seeking to de-escalate the conflict and working towards a peaceful solution through diplomacy."*

The convention unites leaders and American Muslims in solving today's multiple conflicts and will feature guest speeches and messages from:

- Wanda Williams, Mayor of Harrisburg
- Stephanie Sun, Chairman, PA Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
- Sam Brownback, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom (2018-2021) — Ahmadiyya Muslim Humanitarian Award honoree
- U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (Democrat, Connecticut)
- U.S. Congressman Tom Emmer (Republican, Minnesota, 6th District)
- Nadine Maenza, Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (2021-22)
- His Excellency Sidiq Abou-Bakarr Wai, Ambassador of Sierra Leone to United States

About the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans 213 countries with tens of millions of members. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is the oldest American-Muslim organization.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. Ahmad claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. The Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad's advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Muslims of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.

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