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RAMADAAN AND RACISM

Despite twenty four years of freedom from the inhuman, apartheid system of institutionalized racism, violent racial incidents are still on the rise.

During Ramadaan, Muslims fast to wage an internal struggle to burn away the impurities that afflict their bodies, minds and souls. It is a month of mending hearts, souls and relationships both with Allah Almighty and with fellow human beings. The institution of Fasting allows us to have empathy with the pangs of hunger experienced by fellow human beings irrespective of colour and creed. We seek the blessing of feeding the poor. We stand nightly in worship and at congregational prayers shoulder to shoulder with fellow Believers without allowing the devil of racism standing between us.

Ramadaan is indeed connected to Racism. It is an annual antidote to cleanse ourselves from the spectre of racism and give effect to the Prophetic teaching that *“All Muslims are but brothers unto one another. Ye are one brotherhood.”* *“All men are equal in Islam. The Arab has no superiority over the non-Arab, nor does the non-Arab have superiority over the Arab, save in their fear of God.”*

We pray that all Muslim brothers and sisters reflect on this state of affairs and take action to emerge from the fast stronger to build a non-racial society based on Islamic peace and justice for all. Aameen. Ramadaan Mubarak.

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