

'In the name of God, the beneficent, the merciful'

**Commemoration of the tragedy of Hussain, son of Ali [as]: Wednesday
12th October 2016**

To Whom It May Concern:

The first month of the Islamic calendar known as 'Muharram', coincides this Gregorian month. It is a very sacred and tragic period in Islamic history marked by events during this month leading up to the 10th day of Muharram, known as 'Ashura'.

Ashura is a religious observation and commemoration of the martyrdom of the grandson of the Holy Prophet [PBUH], Hussain, son of Ali [as].

His stand marks and symbolises the values of justice, truth, humanity, moral distinction against the forces of injustice, tyranny, oppression and persecution. Hussain, son of Ali[as], is honoured and remembered by Muslims worldwide.

The sacrifice of his, and that of his family, has provided a source of inspiration and fascination which has spurred the movements and works of Mahatma Ghandi, Charles Dickens & many more.

Over 20 million Muslims travel to the city of Karbala annually to pay homage to Hussain, son of Ali [as], and boasts one of the biggest annual gatherings in the world. You can find additional information about Hussain, son of Ali [as] at www.the10thday.com

The remembrance of the tragedy spans the first 12 days of Muharram. Ashura will fall on **Wednesday, October 12th 2016**. It will be commemorated through special prayers, speeches and events at our religious centres.

We request that students and employees be excused from school and work on these sacred days and be permitted to make up any work during their absence.

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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