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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **THOUSANDS OF AHMADIS MEET THEIR SPIRITUAL LEADER**

### **Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad meets with over 4000 Ahmadis**

Over four thousand Ahmadi Muslims from a number of different African countries today met personally with His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at Bagh-e-Ahmad in the town of Winneba, Ghana.

Prior to the meeting a vast crowd gathered in anticipation. For nearly two hours the crowd sang songs praising God Almighty and His Messenger, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). One guest who had travelled from London to attend the event said he was amazed because amongst the thousands of people he could not hear one voice out of tune. The love in the hearts of the Ahmadis was thus expressed through the beauty of their voices.

His Holiness began to meet the guests one by one at 5.30pm local time. He met with members of the Community from Burkina Faso, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Mali and Togo. His Holiness remained standing throughout the session greeting each and every person with a smile and often asking questions to the people he met. Younger children were given chocolates, whilst students were presented with pens.

The Ahmadis met His Holiness in differing ways dependent upon their local customs. Some people shook hands, some bowed or knelt whilst others kissed the blessed hand of His Holiness.

The joy of the Ahmadis who met their leader was visible to all. A member of the Community from Ivory Coast, Aulawili Yusuf, described his feelings just prior to meeting His Holiness,

***“Meeting Hazur (His Holiness) will be a genuine life changing experience for me. It will be a moment of history that I will never forget. I am so happy that I cannot describe.”***

Mustafa Bo from Togo described his feelings moments after meeting with His Holiness,

***“This was the first time in my life to meet Hazur. Immediately he made me feel at home.”***

Khalid Daboni from Burkina Faso spoke of how meeting Hazur had changed his life,

***“I met Hazur for just a second and in that second my life was changed. Meeting Hazur has purified and reformed me because he is a true Man of God. In future if I ever think of doing a bad deed I will stop and think that Hazur has touched this hand and if he knew I was about to do this deed he would not be happy and so I will stop.”***

Another member from Burkina Faso, Isa Siyama, said that he had become an Ahmadi Muslim in 2005. He said that he was extremely thankful to God Almighty for granting him the opportunity to meet His Holiness. He said,

***“I have not one regret about becoming Ahmadi. It is the perfect religion. I am so thankful that I was today able to meet Hazur.”***

Al-Hadi from Burkina Faso said that his faith had been strengthened to new levels after meeting His Holiness, whilst Abdur-Rahman from Ivory Coast said that he had never seen such a beautiful face as that

of His Holiness.

The queue of people waiting to meet His Holiness was such that Ahmad from Ghana who was part of the Security Team said:

***“The queue is so long and it seems to be getting longer and longer. I do not know how Hazur can meet so many people. Certainly Allah has granted strength to the Khalifa.”***

The meeting period concluded at 7.30pm as the time for the evening prayers approached. Commenting on the meeting, Abid Khan, Press Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community said:

***“Yet again the scenes witnessed in Ghana today illustrated the love Ahmadiis here in Africa have for Khilafat and in turn the love the Khalifa has for them. A few seconds with His Holiness changed the lives of the thousands of people in attendance. Only God Almighty can put such love and devotion into the hearts of so many people.”***

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