

Ramadan message from the British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia

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On the occasion of the start of the Holy Month of Ramadan, the British Ambassador sends his warmest wishes to Muslims across Saudi Arabia and the world.



British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Neil Crompton, in his message said:

In the coming weeks, Muslims in Saudi Arabia and around the world will mark the Holy Month of Ramadan. This is my first Ramadan as British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. It is a time for fasting, prayer, charity and family gatherings. I was looking forward to meeting and hosting Saudi friends over iftar and suhoour.

But this Ramadan will be different from any before, as we all face a new threat. This is a time when the festivities are replaced by concerns for our loved ones and we have to adapt to a strange and unique situation. At this time, I find it helpful to take inspiration from the spirit of Ramadan.

I am inspired by stories of people looking out for one another, and sharing with those less fortunate. Ramadan is a time to reflect and pray for peace and coexistence. And to remember those in conflict zones, displaced or homeless, without essential medical and healthcare facilities.

As Ramadan starts, I want to thank all those who are working to battle coronavirus here and around the world to keep us safe.

Let us have faith and remain hopeful for future celebrations when we will be reunited with family and loved ones. At the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan, I am pleased to extend my warmest wishes to the people of Saudi Arabia, and all those observing Ramadan. Ramadan Karim.

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