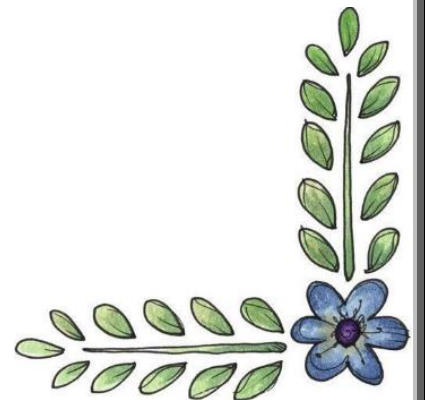


Memories
Diamond Jubilee
of
Mawlana Hazar Imam
Shah Karim Al Hussaini

July 11, 2017

to

July 11, 2018



O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger
and those in [divinely granted] authority among you...
(Qur'an 4:59)

...we have encompassed everything in a manifest Imam
(Qur'an 36:12)

None knows its interpretation [*ta'wil*] except Allah and
those firmly rooted in knowledge...
(Qur'an. 3:7)

Glass beads and gems
Are distinct
And when appraised
Reveal their worth.
Purchased glass
Fills the poison-store,
While the gem
Yields sparkling light.

The master-less one
And the master-guided
Are distinct, yet like-seeming.
The master-less soul
Feeds on junk,
While the master-guided,
On the name of the Lord.

Ginan [Saloko Nano](#), attributed to Pir Sadardin,
cited by The Institute of Ismaili Studies

July 11, 2017

- Diamond Jubilee of Mawlana Hazar Imam’s Imamat.
[The Ismaili](#)

“During the Jubilee year and in the future, poverty alleviation will continue to be a primary area of focus for my Jamat and all the AKDN institutions...”

“Ours is an intellectual tradition which premiates the pursuit of knowledge that is to be used for the good of larger society. Live your faith through acquiring knowledge with which to help others.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam
[AKDN](#)



Mawlana Hazar Imam and his family at the homage ceremony.

From L to R: Master Iliyan Boyden, Miss Sara Boyden, Princess Salwa with Prince Irfan, Prince Rahim with Prince Sinan, Mawlana Hazar Imam, Prince Aryn, Princess Zahra, Prince Hussain, Prince Aly Muhammad, Princess Aleya, and Princess Yasmin. Photo: AKDN / Zahur Ramji



The procession included men and women from the Ismaili community who have served the Imam and the community in senior roles over the past 60 years. Photo: AKDN / Thomas Wibaux

Six insignias or gifts of office presented to Mawlana Hazar Imam at the homage ceremony



Chain of Office

The 49 links of the present chain of office symbolise the direct line of the Ismaili Imamate since Hazrat Ali.



The Holy Qur'an

The Holy Qur'an, Allah's final message revealed through His last and final Messenger Prophet Muhammad is a source of guidance for all Muslims.



Constitution

The Ismaili Constitution symbolises the Imam's authority and is the social governance instrument of the Ismaili community.



Sword

The sword symbolises the Imam's authority, and notions such as defence of the faith and its values, protection of the weak and dispensation of justice.



Parasol

Often made from fabrics matching the Imam-Caliph's garments and carried above his head during processions, the parasol was regarded as an important symbol of authority associated with lineage and succession as well as of the Imam's protective grace.



Inkwell

In the Shia tradition, the role of the intellect is an integral part of faith. The inkwell symbolises Islam's emphasis on knowledge in the service of humanity and the Imam as the means for understanding Allah's revelation.

Photos and text – UK Bulletin, Special Edition, 16 July 2017

The Diamond Jubilee logo bears the crest of the Ismaili Imamate surrounded by sixty crescents representing Hazar Imam's reign. The outer perimeter is a Kufic inscription of the Qur'anic verse (49:13):

“O mankind! Lo! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is Knower, Aware.”
(Translation by Pickthall)



July 19, 2017

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [arrived](#) in Lisbon, Portugal where he was received by Isabel Pestana, Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the Republic of Portugal, Nazim Ahmad, Head of the Ismaili Imamat's Department for Portugal and other Lusophone countries, Ambassador Arif Lalani, Head of the Ismaili Imamat's Department of Diplomatic Affairs and Rahim Firozali, President of the Ismaili Council for Portugal.

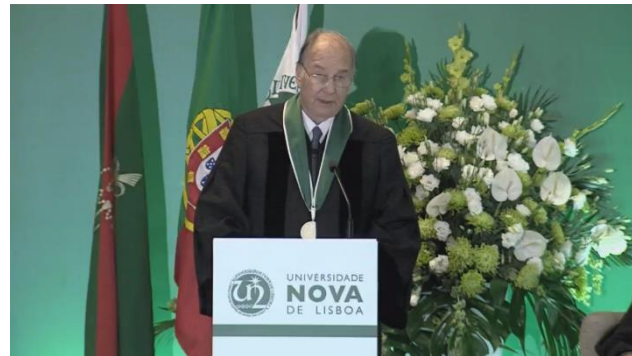
July 20, 2017

- was [presented](#) one of Portugal's highest honours – the *Gra-cruz da ordem de Liberdade*, or Grand Cross of the Order of Liberty – in recognition of his service to uplifting lives around the world. The honour was presented by President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa during a ceremony held at Lisbon's Belem Palace.



Photo: AKDN

- was [bestowed](#) an Honorary Doctorate from Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (Lisbon, Portugal) for his longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for some of the world's vulnerable populations as well as for his efforts to promote respect for tolerance and pluralism.



“As Founder and Chairman of the AKDN, the Aga Khan is truly the centre of a human chain of solidarity, which crosses continents, bringing progress and innovation to mankind regardless of gender, origin and religion...”

António Rendas, the University's Rector

[AKDN](#)

“Universities are important civil society institutions, and it is essential to focus on their role in the years ahead...Indeed, Portugal's emphasis on learning and knowledge aligns with Islam's emphasis on these areas.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam

[Speech](#)

October 5, 2017

- “Earlier this week, the Ismaili Leaders’ International Forum (LIF) hosted a special event in Paris to celebrate Prince Ayn’s 80th birthday”([The.Ismaili](#)). Prince Ayn was honoured for his long-standing service to the Ismaili Imam, the Jamat, and the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). Prince Ayn was born on September 12, 1937.



Prince Ayn cuts his birthday cake. Photo: the.Ismaili

Prince Ayn has been involved in the work of AKDN for a number of decades, particularly in the establishment of the Serena brand of Hotels, and the focus on architecture and the built environment in societies where Muslims have a significant presence. Prince Ayn has also been active in the inception of both the Aga Khan Music Initiative and the Aga Khan Museum, along with the many parks and gardens commissioned and restored by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC).



Mawlana Hazar Imam, Prince Rahim, and Princess Salwa at Prince Ayn’s 80th birthday celebration. Photo: the.Ismaili/ Thomas Wibaux

Luis Monreal, General Manager of AKTC said:

“Over the years you have established a complicity with His Highness, and this has contributed, I think, enormously to the amazing breadth and multidimensional character of His Highness’ enterprises. You have been a creative advisor, you have been an active partner, and a faithful confidant.”

Prince Ayn was presented with the gift of a 19th century French gilt bronze and champlévé enamel clock. In his remarks, Prince Ayn said:

“I do want to thank you very much indeed. You are all of course Hazar Imam’s spiritual children, so in a way you are my extended family, and that is the way I think of you.”

LIF Chairman, Dr Mahmoud Eboo, offered felicitations to Prince Ayn and conveyed appreciation for Prince Ayn’s work in service of the Jamat and wider society. [The.Ismaili](#)

October 8, 2017

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [arrived in Uganda](#) in the afternoon for his first Diamond Jubilee visit. The Attorney General, Hon. William Byaruhanga and Ismaili Council for Uganda President Minaz Jamal welcomed him.



Mawlana Hazar Imam greets leaders of the Jamat upon his arrival. Photo: The.Ismaili/Rafiq Hakim

- called on the President at State House Entebbe.



His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni welcomes Mawlana Hazar Imam to the State House in Entebbe as traditional Ngoma dancers perform in the background. Photo: The.Ismaili/Zahur Ramji

October 9, 2017

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [was conferred](#) with the Most Excellent Order of Pearl of Africa by His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni, as part of Uganda's 55th Independence Day celebration.



Photo: The.Ismaili/AKDN/Zahur Ramji

The Most Excellent Order of Pearl of Africa award is the most esteemed civilian decoration of the Ugandan Honour System, and has been presented to only five other individuals in the history of the country. The distinction was granted to Hazar Imam in recognition of exceptional contributions made by Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) institutions to the economic and social development of Uganda. AKDN agencies in the region operate in a number of industry sectors including energy, banking, health, tourism, education, and media.

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In his address Mawlana Hazar Imam said:

“Our institutions have been here for many decades, [and] it is my hope today that they will participate in improving the quality of life of all the people of Eastern Africa as they build for future generations.”

[AKDN](#)

Institutions of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) have been present in Uganda for over 70 years with a range of activities from infrastructure projects providing electricity to millions of Ugandans, to a holistic early childhood education programme for underprivileged communities. AKDN aims is to support sustainable development in Uganda with projects that have clear outcomes in empowering individuals to improve their quality of life. The total development investment in Uganda by the portfolio entities of AKDN exceeds \$1 billion. Collectively, these entities are amongst the highest taxpayers in Uganda.[AKDN](#)

[Video AKDN in Uganda](#)

October 10, 2017

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- granted [the first Darbar](#) of the Diamond Jubilee year at Darkhana Kampala. President Minaz Jamal submitted pledges of loyalty to Mawlana Hazar Imam on behalf of the Jamat present, along with the gift of an enamel portrait of Fath Ali Shah. The portrait is of direct relevance to the family history of Hazar Imam, as it was Fath Ali Shah — at the time of his reign as Qajar king — who bestowed the title of Aga Khan on the 46th Ismaili Hasan Ali Shah.

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Mawlana Hazar Imam is received by Mukhi Saheb and Kamadia Saheb upon his arrival at Darkhana, Kampala.
Photo: The.Ismaili/Zahur Ramji

October 11, 2017

- [arrived in Dar es Salaam](#), Tanzania. Hon. Minister of Defence Dr. Hussein Mwinyi, Hon. Minister of Education, Science and Technology Professor Joyce Ndalichako, and Regional Commissioner of Dar es Salaam, Paul Makonda welcomed Hazar Imam. Ismaili Council for Tanzania President Amin Lakhani and AKDN Resident Representative Amin Kurji, Jamati leaders, and representatives from various faiths also greeted Mawlana Hazar Imam at the airport.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is greeted by Amin Lakhani. Photo:
The.Ismaili/Zahur Ramji

- visited the President at State House and was hosted to a lunch in his honour.

October 12, 2017

- Jamat gathered for a [Darbar](#) at the Aga Khan Diamond Jubilee Hall in Dar es Salaam. The history of the Aga Khan Diamond Jubilee Hall stems from the Diamond Jubilee of Mawlana Sultan Mahomed Shah. The land was acquired using the Nazrana presented to him in 1946. The hall is used as a sports centre and a social venue for congregational activities. It has also served as the venue for numerous Mulaqats.

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President Amin Lakhani submitted pledges of loyalty on behalf of the Jamat of the Tanzanian jurisdiction. A gift of eight Fatimid coins minted in Al Mahdia for the first eight Fatimid Imams was also presented to Hazar Imam by the Jamat.

- On his departure from the Darbar hall, Mawlana Hazar Imam drove nearby to Upanga Jamatkhana, where members of the Jamat who had travelled from outside Tanzania were assembled.
- Mawlana Hazar Imam was presented with a gift of commemorative stamps printed by the Tanzania Postal Service Corporation in honour of his Diamond Jubilee. The First Day Covers and Commemorative stamps depict various themes in which AKDN is active in East Africa, as well as the Diamond Jubilee motif.

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Photo: The.Ismaili/ Zahur Ramji

October 18, 2017

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- arrived in New York and [met with](#) the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres at the United Nations Headquarters.
- [was presented](#) the *Champion for Global Change* award at the United Nations Foundation's Global Leadership Dinner in New York City for his leadership in global health, education, and the refugee crisis through the Aga Khan Development Network, as well his extensive work with the UN.



Photo: Akbar Hakim/Mairaj Manji/The.Ismaili

“The question is not which sector can be most effective in the march towards progress - the central question is how these sectors can best become effective partners in this quest.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam

[Speech](#)

The Foundation honoured four other recipients:

- Mars, Incorporated for the company's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, which aims to protect the planet.
- Ellie Goulding, Singer, Songwriter, and Record Producer for her commitment to climate action and engaging children on climate change through Sesame Street.
- United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) in recognition of its work over the past 20 years to mitigate the threats from mines and explosive remnants of war.
- Senator Bob Corker the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for his leadership on an issue of critical importance to the United States and the UN: ending modern day slavery.

Mawlana Hazar Imam's family has maintained a close relationship with the United Nations for a number of years, following a tradition of service in international affairs.

Mawlana Sultan Mahomed Shah was President of the League of Nations [1937-1938], which was a precursor to the United Nations. Prince Aly Khan, Mawlana Hazar Imam's father, was Pakistan's Ambassador to the United Nations [1958-1960]. Mawlana Hazar Imam's uncle, Prince Sadruddin, was the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees [1966-1977], United Nations' Coordinator for Assistance to Afghanistan, and United Nations' Executive Delegate of Iraq-Turkey border areas. Prince Ameen, served in the United Nations Secretariat's Department of Economic and Social Affairs from 1965 to 1968. [The.Ismaili](#)

November 1, 2017

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [was presented](#) Asia Game Changer Lifetime Achievement Award for his work to improve the lives of millions in Asia and around the world.



Mawlana Hazar Imam being presented the award by Michael Bloomberg and Sharon Rockefeller. Photo: The.Ismaili/Akbar Hakim/Mairaj Manji

“I can just tell you it has been inspiring to me to see what tonight’s honoree has been able to accomplish. And it will give us new dedication to continue and do the same thing. There is nothing more important, and more rewarding than helping others, and the Aga Khan really has led by examples.”

Michael Bloomberg, former Mayor of New York City, who presented the award
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In her introductory remarks, Josette Sheeran, Asia Society President and CEO, recalled a personal story of the impact of the Aga Khan Development Network in Afghanistan. When food supply chains were cut off to hundreds of thousands of people who were threatened with starvation during a particularly cold winter, Sheeran explained how she turned to the Aga Khan Foundation for assistance and *“they started moving the world... So, I know the power of your work, I know the power of your network, I know what you have built.”*

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“I would like to say that any leader of any global community hopes and prays for one thing — peace; peace in every community in every country of the world. So that men and women can live in safety, build their futures with strength, courage, and hope and wisdom. These are the values that the leaders of my community, my institutions and myself are intimately linked with and will continue to work for, for many, many decades ahead.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam, upon accepting the award
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November 6, 2017

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [presided over](#) the inaugural meeting of the University of Central Asia's board meeting in Gouvieux, France.



Front Row (L to R): Mrs. Elvira Sarieva, Prince Rahim, Mawlana Hazar Imam, Princess Zahra, Dr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha, Senator Byrganym Aitimova. Back Row (L to R): Mr. Naguib Kheraj, Dr. Hans Hurni, Dr. Shenggen Fan, Dr. Sharofat Mamadambarova.

November 14, 2017

- [arrived in Ottawa](#), Canada, commencing a visit to Canada that included attending the Global Pluralism Award ceremony as well as meeting with the Jamat of eastern Canada.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is received by AKDN Resident Representative for Canada Dr Mahmoud Eboo, President Malik Talib and Vice-President Karima Karmali of the Ismaili Council for Canada. Photo: The.Ismaili/Moez Visram

November 15, 2017

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- and the Rt Honourable Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice of Canada, presented the [Global Pluralism Award](#) at the Delegation of the Ismaili Imam, in Ottawa, Canada. The Award recognises advocates of social justice.

Of the 230 nominations received from over 43 countries, the international jury chaired by former Canadian Prime Minister the Rt Honourable Joe Clark, selected three recipients and seven honorable mentions to receive the award. [The.Ismaili](#)



- Leyner Palacios Asprilla - for his work as a founder of the Committee for the Rights of Bojayá Victims.
- Alice Wairimu Nderitu - for her extraordinary work bringing communities in Kenya and Nigeria together after long ethnic and religious conflicts.
- Daniel Webb - for his work representing asylum seekers in Australia detained on the small islands of Nauru and Manus.

In addition, seven organisations received honourable mentions for work that ranged from filling gaps in humanitarian relief to helping indigenous communities tell their stories, to the innovative use of technology to build empathy and improve communication.

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"As we walk together on that road [to a better world], the example set by others can be a powerful source of inspiration."

Mawlana Hazar Imam

November 16, 2017

- [arrived in Toronto](#) in the evening, where he was greeted at the airport by Jamati leaders.

November 17-19, 2017

- [graced Mulaqats](#) to Jamat residing in Ontario.

November 20, 2017

- [arrived in Montreal](#) in the evening.

Council for Quebec and the Maritimes President Mohamud Deedar Suhrah Sadid greets Mawlana Hazar Imam upon his arrival. Photo: The .Ismaili/ Moez Visram



November 22, 2017

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [departed from Montreal](#) after a nine-day visit to eastern Canada.

December 7, 2017

- [arrived in Islamabad](#), Pakistan in the evening for his Diamond Jubilee visit, accompanied by Princess Zahra. He was received by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Khawaja Asif, the Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development, Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, as well as the President of the Ismaili Council for Pakistan, Hafiz Sherali. Leaders of AKDN and Jamati Institutions in Pakistan were also present at the airport to receive Hazar Imam



Mawlana Hazar Imam is welcomed by Ismaili Council for Pakistan President Hafiz Sherali and Vice President Hussein Tajani. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Akbar Hakim



Mawlana Hazar Imam in discussion with Pakistan's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Khawaja Asif upon their arrival in Islamabad. Also present AKDN representatives, and Government officials. Photo: The.Ismaili/Akbar Hakim

December 8, 2017

- [called on](#) His Excellency President Mamnoon Hussain at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Pakistan's Presidential Palace, accompanied by Princess Zahra.
- [called on](#) His Excellency Shahid Khaqan Abbasi at the Prime Minister's House, accompanied by Princess Zahra, as well as senior Imamat representatives. The Prime Minister presented a special set of commemorative stamps celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Mawlana Hazar Imam, and illustrating the contribution of AKDN agencies in the country.
- [was hosted](#) by Prime Minister Abbasi, to a banquet at the Prime Minister's house, along with Princess Zahra and the Imamat delegation.

December 9, 2017 – Darbars in Chitral

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [was welcomed](#) by Government officials at the Chitral Town airport.
- travelled by helicopter for Darbars at Garam Chasma (Lower Chitral) and then to Booni (Upper Chitral).



Mawlana Hazar Imam is greeted by Salim Khan, MPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa upon his arrival at the Chitral Town Airport. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Imtiaz Alwani



Mawlana Hazar Imam walks through the Jamat during the Darbar at Garam Chashma. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Amirali Rimjee

December 10, 2017 – Darbars at Taus and Aliabad

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [arrived in Gilgit](#), where he was welcomed by government officials and community leaders before gracing the Jamat with [Darbars](#) at Taus (Gupis Valley) and Aliabad (Hunza).

December 12 and 14, 2017

- [returned](#) to Islamabad where he graced the Jamat with Mulaqats.



Mawlana Hazar Imam being received by local leadership upon arrival at Islamabad Airport. Photo: The.Ismaili/Akbar Hakim

December 14, 2017

- [arrived in Karachi](#).
- held a meeting with government officials at the airport's lounge to discuss topics of mutual interest.
- attended a dinner in the evening hosted by Muhammad Zubair, Governor of Sindh, in honour of Hazar Imam and his delegation at the Governor's House, where several dignitaries were present.

December 15-19, 2017

- graced the Jamat with [Mulaqats](#) in Karachi at Darkhana Jamatkhana and Clifton. Jamatkhana



Mawlana Hazar Imam being received upon arrival at Darkhana Jamatkhana, Karachi. Photo: The.Ismaili/Maqbool Asani



Mawlana Hazar Imam greets local leadership upon his arrival at Clifton Jamatkhana, Karachi. Photo: The.Ismaili/Shehzad Shamsuddin

December 15, 2017

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [inaugurated](#) Aga Khan University's Centre for Innovation in Medical Education (CIME), a state-of-the-art facility for technology-based learning for health professionals in Karachi.



Mawlana Hazar Imam observes the CIME courtyard during a walkabout with AKU President Firoz Rasul. Photo: AKU/ Akbar Hakim

“we should position this institution in its correct place in service to Pakistan.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam

[AKU](#), [Video of Ceremony](#)

The 80,000-square foot, donor-funded Centre comprises three buildings – the Mariyam Bashir Dawood Building, the Ibn Sina Building and the Shiraz Boghani Building. The Centre offers multi-purpose teaching spaces, high-fidelity simulators, and specialty environments such as the phantom-head dental lab, a cardiac catheterisation lab and telemedicine clinics.

High-speed communications technology allows video connectivity throughout CIME and with international experts, with students able to learn from specialists anywhere in the world in real-time. This connectivity allows CIME to work with remote and rural populations within Pakistan and neighbouring countries to expand access to quality healthcare.

Mawlana Hazar Imam laid the foundation stone for the three buildings of CIME during his visit to Pakistan in 2013.

[Aga Khan University](#)

December 16, 2017

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [met with](#) Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, who hosted a reception in his honour.

December 19, 2017

- [departed from Karachi](#) after a thirteen-day visit to Pakistan.

January 21, 2018

- [arrived in Dubai](#) on an official visit at the invitation of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is welcomed by Her Excellency Reem Ebrahim Al-Hashimi, Cabinet Member and Minister of State for International Cooperation, and His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, Minister for Tolerance upon his arrival in Dubai. Photo: AKDN/Rafiq Hakim



Mawlana Hazar Imam greets leaders of the Jamat upon his arrival in Dubai. Photo: AKDN/Rafiq Hakim

January 23, 2018

- [was received](#) by the Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum at the Zabeel Palace.

January 24, 2018

- [travelled to Abu Dhabi](#) where he met with His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, along with other leaders.

January 25, 2018

- graced the Jamat of the Gulf region with a [Darbar](#) at Dubai World Central.
- [departed from Dubai](#), after a four-day visit.

February 20, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [arrived in New Delhi](#), India.

February 21, 2018

- [inaugurated](#) Sunder Nursery together with Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.

“The ground on which we stand has been a centre of cultural history for a very long time. It was nearly seven centuries ago, for example, when the Sufi Saint, Nizamuddin Auliya, walked these paths and shared his teachings of universal love. That same message of tolerance and humanity would soon infuse the splendid Mughal empire – also centred here - with its Grand Trunk Road passing through this very terrain. From here, some one-quarter of the world’s population was once governed in a remarkably pluralistic, harmonious, spirit.



Mawlana Hazar Imam and Vice-President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, unveil a plaque to inaugurate Sunder Nursery. Photo: The.Ismaili/Shamsh Maredia

It is in that same spirit of universal harmony that we dedicate these Gardens today. For it is the Garden, down through history, that has often symbolised the harmonious interaction of Divine Blessing and Human Creativity.

This merging of Nature’s Gifts with Human Design is an ideal that is deeply embedded, of course, both in Indian culture and in Islamic traditions, with the flow of refreshing water reminding us of the abundance of Divine Blessing.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam

[Speech](#)

- [met with](#) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



February 23, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [arrived in Ahmedabad.](#)



Mawlana Hazar Imam being welcomed by leaders of the Jamat. Photo: The.Ismaili

- [met with](#) Governor of Gujarat, Shri Om Prakash Kohli at Raj Bhavan (Government House), Gandhinagar, and later with the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Vijay Rupani at his official residence also in Gandhinagar.
- [met with](#) Jamat of Gujarat.

February 26, 2018

- [arrived in Hyderabad](#) where he was received by Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana Mr. Mohammed Mahmood Ali, as well as leaders of the Jamat.
- [met with](#) Shri Mohammed Mahmood Ali, Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, later in the day



Mawlana Hazar Imam is greeted by Deputy Chief Minister Mr Mohammed Mahmood Ali upon his arrival in Hyderabad, as Telangana Chief Secretary Dr Shailendra Kumar Joshi (right) looks on. Photo: The.Ismaili



Mawlana Hazar Imam is greeted by Jamati leaders upon his arrival in Hyderabad. Photo: The.Ismaili

February 27, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- graced the Jamat of southern India with [Mulaqats](#) in Hyderabad.

February 28, 2018

- [arrived in Mumbai](#) where he was welcomed by government officials and Jamati leaders.



President of the Ismaili Council for Western India Aslam Lilani and his wife welcome Mawlana Hazar Imam upon his arrival in Mumbai. Photo: AKDN/ Aziz Ajaney

March 1, 2018

- [met with](#) government of Maharashtra officials in Mumbai.
- graced the Jamat with a [Darbar](#) at Kalina, on the grounds of the University of Mumbai.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is received by Mukhi Saheb, Mukhiani Saheba, Kamadia Saheb, and Kamadiani Saheba at the Darbar Hall in Mumbai. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Noordin Sarfani



Mawlana Hazar Imam enters the Darbar hall in Mumbai. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Nazim Lokhandwala.

- [departed](#) in the evening, after a ten-day visit.

March 8, 2018

- Her Majesty the Queen [hosted a dinner](#) at Windsor Castle to mark Mawlana Hazar Imam's Diamond Jubilee. Mawlana Hazar Imam was accompanied by Prince Ameen, Princess Zahra, Prince Rahim, Princess Salwa, Prince Hussain, and Prince Aly Muhammad.



Photo: AKDN/Gary Otte.

March 13, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [arrived in Atlanta](#), where he was received by Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia; Abby Turano, Deputy Commissioner for International Relations at the Georgia Department of Economic Development; Daniel Gordon, Chief Operating Officer of the City of Atlanta's Office of the Mayor, as well as leaders of the Jamat.
- was welcomed with an official salute by the Atlanta Police Department Honor Guard. This was followed by a performance of both the Nashid al-Imamah and the US National Anthem by the national 116th Army Band.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is received in Atlanta by the Honourable Casey Cagle, Lt. Governor of the State of Georgia. Photo: The.Ismaili/Zain Hansraj

March 14, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [met with](#) Georgia's Governor in Atlanta.
- was presented a [State Proclamation](#) by Georgia's Governor Nathan Deal, recognising his sixty years of dedication and inspiration towards improving the human condition around the world.

The Proclamation recognises the Aga Khan Development Network's efforts in providing "care and support to people of all faiths and origins who may face serious health and economic challenges." It also mentions Hazar Imam's inspiration for the Jamat of Georgia to "actively contribute to the well-being of all citizens through civic engagement and community service initiatives."

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Photo: The.Ismaili/ Akbar Hakim

March 14-16, 2018

- graced the Jamat with [Mulaqats](#).

March 18, 2018

- [departed from Atlanta](#).
- [arrived in Houston](#), where he was welcomed by Secretary of State Roland Pablos.



Mawlana Hazar Imam signs the official guestbook in Governor Deal's office. Photo: The.Ismaili/Akbar Hakim

March 19-21, 2018

- graced the Jamat with [Mulaqats](#).

March 22, 2018

- [confirmed plans](#) to build a high-profile centre in Houston during the final mulaqat. He said that the process of selecting architects was already underway with guidance from Prince Aryn.

March 23, 2018

- [departed from Houston](#).

April 11, 2018

- [met with](#) H.E. Sooronbai Jeenbekov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, in Brussels, Belgium.

April 12, 2018

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [arrived in Nairobi](#), Kenya, where he was received by Monica Juma, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as well as leaders from the Jamat and the Aga Khan Development Network.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is greeted by Kamadia Saheb and Kamadiani Saheba of Darkhana Jamatkhana, Nairobi. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Hussein Jiva



Mawlana Hazar Imam in conversation with Monica Juma. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Hussein Jiva

In Kenya, past Jubilee initiatives have included the Platinum Jubilee Hospital inaugurated in 1958, which is now the Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi; the Diamond Jubilee Investment Trust, which started off as a community lending enterprise and grew into a major retail financial institution – now called Diamond Trust Bank – that helps promote small and medium enterprises across East Africa; and the Jubilee Insurance companies, the largest providers of life and medical insurance across East Africa and Asia.

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April 13, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [was welcomed](#) by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta at the State House. They discussed the long-standing partnership between the Ismaili Imamat and the Government of Kenya, which has spanned over 100 years, contributing to improving the lives of all Kenyans.

April 14, 2018

- granted a [Darbar](#) in Nairobi, to the Jamats of Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Republic of Malagasy.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is received by Mukhi Saheb, Mukhiani Saheba, Kamadia Saheb, and Kamadiani Saheba at the Darkhana Jamatkhana and Parklands complex. Photo: The.Ismaili/Hussein Jiva



Mawlana Hazar Imam walks through the Jamat during the Darbar in Nairobi. Photo: The Ismaili/Zafrani Mansurali

April 14, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [departed from Nairobi](#) following the Darbar.

May 1, 2018

- [arrived in Ottawa](#) to continue his Diamond Jubilee visit to western Canada. Imam was welcomed by the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie; together with Ambassador Marc-André Blanchard, the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations; President Talib of the Ismaili Council for Canada along with other government, AKDN, and Jamati leaders.



The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau and Ambassador Marc-André Blanchard welcome Mawlana Hazar Imam to Canada. Photo: The.Ismaili/Zahur Ramji



Mawlana Hazar Imam is received by Ismaili Council for Canada President Malik Talib upon his arrival in Ottawa. Photo: The.Ismaili/Moez Visram

May 2, 2018

- Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, [hosted a dinner](#) at Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General of Canada, where Hazar Imam was honoured by various notable Canadians for his contributions to Canada and the world.



Mawlana Hazar Imam and Princess Zahra being greeted at Rideau Hall, Photo: The.Ismaili/Lisa Sakulensky



Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette welcoming Mawlana Hazar Imam to Rideau Hall. Photo: The.Ismaili/Lisa Sakulensky

Guests included Princess Zahra Aga Khan, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, past Prime Ministers Jean Chrétien and Joe Clark, and past Governors General David Johnston and Adrienne Clarkson, as well as Jamati and AKDN leaders.



Canadian leaders who have worked closely with Mawlana Hazar Imam: seated (right to left) Her Excellency, Mawlana Hazar Imam, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

standing (from left to right): Joe Clark, Maureen McTeer, Jean Chrétien, Aline Chrétien, Adrienne Clarkson, John Ralston Saul. David Johnston, and Sharon Johnston.

Photo: The.Ismaili/ Lisa Sakulensky

Guests were seated at tables that were named after the various cities across Canada where Ismailis are significant in numbers. Mawlana Hazar Imam's head table, which included the current and former Governors General and Prime Ministers, was named after the city of Burnaby in British Columbia to reflect one of the first major settlement areas of Ismailis.

Her Excellency remarked *"Your Highness, we know, everybody in this crowd knows, that you lead by example, that the work that you've done tirelessly for six decades has been groundbreaking. We know that you are trying very hard to improve the quality of life of people in less fortunate places in the world, and that you promote tolerance and education above all."* Payette, a former astronaut, also recounted an anecdote about a spaceflight in which she saw Mecca, gleaming brightly, and said to Mawlana Hazar Imam that it was a beacon of light, *"just as you are."*

Mawlana Hazar Imam expressed his gratitude to Canada. *"Thank you Canada. Thank you Canada for the advice, the support, the encouragement you've given to our institutions. I see Ismaili leaders from Canada ... who are wonderful examples of Canadian knowledge, Canadian wisdom, Canadian comprehension, and who are building on the best of Canadian values. Thank you very much. Thank you."*

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- Mawlana Hazar Imam [departed from Ottawa](#) on May 4 after completing several days of meetings related to the work of the Aga Khan Development Network and Global Centre for Pluralism.

May 4, 2018

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [arrived in Vancouver](#) in the afternoon, where he was received at the airport by British Columbia Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin and Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, along with leaders and representatives of the Jamat.



Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Janet Austin and Mayor of Vancouver Gregor Robertson greet Mawlana Hazar Imam upon his arrival in Vancouver. Photo: The.Ismaili/Aziz Dhaman

The Jamat in Vancouver is one of earliest and largest Ismaili communities to have settled in Canada. The establishment of the Ismaili Centre Burnaby in August 1985 was an early symbol of the Jamat's permanent presence in the country. [The.Ismaili](#)



Mawlana Hazar Imam is greeted by Ismaili Council for British Columbia President Samir Manji upon his arrival in Vancouver. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Asif Balesha

May 4, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [met with](#) the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia, shortly after his arrival in Vancouver.



Mawlana Hazar Imam in conversation with Premier John Horgan. Photo: The.Ismaili/Asif Balesha

May 5 and 6, 2018

- granted Mulaqats at BC Place.

May 7, 2018

- [conducted ceremonies](#) at the Ismaili Centre in Burnaby before departing Vancouver.



Mawlana Hazar Imam meets with the officers who served in his police escort during his stay in Vancouver. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Aziz Ladha

May 7, 2018

- Hazar Imam [arrived in Calgary](#) in the afternoon, where he was welcomed by Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell and Mayor Naheed Nenshi.



Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell and Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi greet Mawlana Hazar Imam upon his arrival. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Navroz Mitha

The Agreement of Cooperation signed in 2012 between the Ismaili Imam and the Province of Alberta was the first of its kind with a Canadian province. A Memorandum of Understanding established between the Aga Khan University and University of Alberta in 2009 set the stage for decades of capacity building, professional development, and joint research. A multi-generational housing initiative in Calgary, established with Imam and provincial government support, was the first of its kind in Canada and a model on which others are being established. The Awali initiative based in Calgary similarly engaged a vast network of business leaders from the broader Calgary community in supporting the work of AKDN in various regions of the world.

Upon receiving an honorary degree from the University of Alberta in 2009, Mawlana Hazar Imam gifted an Islamic garden to the people of Alberta. During the establishment of the endowment for the Garden, Mawlana Hazar Imam remarked, “How do you convince Western societies that Islam is a faith of civilisation, and not just a faith? Well I hope that the Islamic garden (at the University of Alberta), when it comes into place, will be able to show a different aspect of our faith.”

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May 9 and 10, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- graced the Jamat of Prairies and Edmonton jurisdictions with Mulaqats at BMO Centre.

May 10, 2018

- [met with](#) Alberta Premier Rachel Notley to discuss how to strengthen collaboration on areas of mutual interest. Also present were Minister of Community and Social Services Irfan Sabir and Member of Legislative Assembly Lorne Dach from the Government of Alberta, along with senior representatives of the Ismaili Imamat.



Mawlana Hazar Imam and Premier Rachel Notley, in conversation at the Office of the Premier in Calgary.
Photo: The.Ismaili/ Shamssh Maredia

The discussions provided an opportunity to review progress on Generations, a Golden Jubilee initiative located in Calgary's Skyview Ranch neighbourhood. Phase I, consisting of 40 one- and two-bedroom rental units for independent senior living, was completed in 2012.

Phase II consists of 120 assisted-living and long-term care units for seniors. In addition to an early childhood development centre incorporated into the design, Phase II will include units specifically for residents with dementia, critical in a country where the number of people diagnosed with dementia is increasing dramatically. Phase III will be developed in the future as a family oriented housing complex. This project, a first of its kind in Canada, is designed to provide a supportive atmosphere for seniors where their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing are enhanced through meaningful interactions and a wide variety of programming driven by volunteers.

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May 12, 2019

- [departed from Calgary.](#)



Mawlana Hazar Imam meeting the officers who served in his police escort in Calgary.
Photo: The.Ismaili/ Ashraf Rajabali

June 23, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- granted a [Darbar](#) in Paris to members of the Jamat from France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Côte d'Ivoire, along with murids from the UK jurisdiction who were unable to travel to the UK. Ismaili Council for France President Shamir Samdjeer delivered the loyalty address. A gift of one of the earliest copies of the Holy Qur'an to have been made in China was also presented to Hazar Imam on behalf of the Jamat. The 15th century manuscript, transcribed by Rashad ibn 'Ali al-Sini in Khanbaliq (modern day Beijing), has lines of Arabic Chinese script on each page and dates back to the fifth day of Muharram in 804 AH [1401 CE]. [The.Ismaili](#)



Mawlana Hazar Imam is received at the Darbar hall by Mukhi Saheb, Mukhiani Saheba, Kamadia Saheb, and Kamadiani Saheba of Paris Principle Jamatkhana. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Zahur Ramji

June 25, 2018

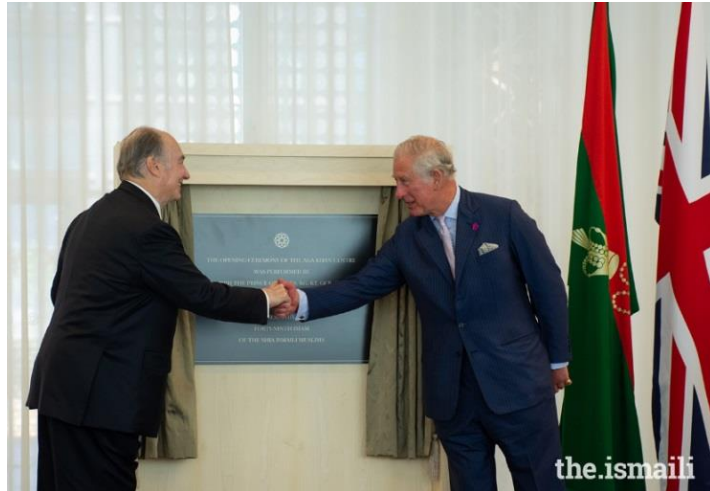
- [arrived in London](#), UK, accompanied by Prince Ameen. They were welcomed by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the United Nations, as well as President Liakat Hasham of the Ismaili Council for UK.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is welcomed by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Nayyir Damani

June 26, 2018

- HRH Prince Charles [opened the Aga Khan Centre](#) in the presence of Mawlana Hazar Imam, who was joined by Prince Ayn, Princess Zahra, Prince Rahim, Princess Salwa, Prince Hussain, and Prince Aly Muhammad. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Foreign Office Minister; and Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, were also present. [Video](#) at AKDN



Mawlana Hazar Imam and HRH The Prince of Wales unveil a plaque to commemorate the opening of the Aga Khan Centre. Photo: the.Ismaili/Shyrose Bhanji



Prince Ayn, Princess Zahra, Prince Rahim, Princess Salwa, and Prince Hussain at the opening of the Aga Khan Centre. Photo: The.Ismaili /Any Campbell



Mawlana Hazar Imam in conversation with Lord Ahmad, Mayor Sadiq Khan, HRH The Prince of Wales, and Head Librarian of the Aga Khan Library Dr. Walid Ghali. Photo: The.Ismaili/Shyrose Bhanji



Mawlana Hazar Imam and Mayor of London Sadiq Khan walk through the Aga Khan Library following the inauguration. Photo: The.Ismaili/Shyrose Bhanji



External signage at the main entrance. Photo: AKDN



Evening view of Aga Khan Centre. Photo: AKDN

The [Aga Khan Centre](#), situated at the heart of London's thriving Knowledge Quarter in the revitalised area of King's Cross, houses The Institute of Ismaili Studies (IIS), the Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations (AKU-ISMC), Aga Khan Library, and Aga Khan Foundation UK. Designed by Fumihiko Maki - one of Japan's most distinguished contemporary architects, who also designed the Delegation of the Ismaili Imamat in Ottawa and the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto – the Centre reflects the Islamic values of dialogue, respect for pluralism, and the pursuit of knowledge, aiming to increase the understanding of Muslim civilisations.

“The value of education, of course, is at the heart of this project. We are proud to open here a new home for two important educational institutions associated with the Aga Khan Development Network and the Ismaili Imamat.... These institutions - through their teaching and research, their rich library and archival resources, as well as their tours and public programmes - will enrich the lives of people from the entire world.

Mawlana Hazar Imam

Inauguration of the Aga Khan Centre, London, UK, June 26, 2018

[Speech](#) at AKDN

Across the Aga Khan Centre is Victoria Hall, which provides accommodation for students of the IIS and AKU-ISMC as well as other students studying in London.

Comprising facilities for research and education, the Aga Khan Centre encompasses six gardens and terraces that take inspiration from the diverse Islamic civilisations around the world, including those in North Africa, Spain, Iran, the Middle East, and India. Vladimir Djurovic, who also designed the Aga Khan Park in Toronto, created the green spaces at Victoria Hall. The gardens and terraces at the Aga Khan Centre have been created by Maki & Associates as well as other renowned landscape artists including Madison Cox and Nelson Byrd Woltz. The collective green spaces are known as Islamic Gardens at King's Cross.

“This place has been shaped by many diverse influences – and among them we now welcome the rich traditions of Islamic architecture. One of those traditions - one that is appreciated by both the Islamic and the British cultures - is the special importance of the garden. We see the garden not merely as an adjunct to other constructions, but as a privileged space unto itself. ... Each one of them, moreover, has a distinctive identity: each one is inspired by a different region of the Islamic Ummah.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam

Inauguration of the Aga Khan Centre, London, UK, June 26, 2018

[Speech](#) at AKDN

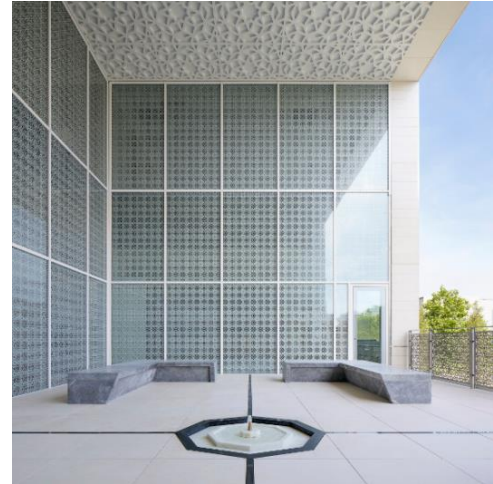
The Garden of Tranquility on the first floor of the Aga Khan Centre is based on the covered loggias found in Iran and Egypt. The Terrace of Learning, on the second floor, is inspired by courtyards of Spain, Morocco, and Egypt.

The Courtyard of Harmony on the third and fourth floors, takes its inspiration from an iwan – a small outdoor space walled on three sides commonly found in the Middle East and Central Asia. It also incorporates Arabic message in its patterned marble floor reading ‘harmony and beauty.’ The Garden of Light was inspired by the Andalusian courtyards in Spain while the Terrace of Discovery is based on the Persian throne known as *talar*, characteristic of the Safavids of Persia.

The Garden of Life reflects the Kashmiri waterfalls of the gardens of the Mughals of India.



The Garden of Light. Photo: The Spaces/Hufton + Crow



Garden of Tranquility by Maki & Associates.
Photo: AKDN

“Taken together, this winding ribbon of special spaces is an eloquent tribute to the rich diversity of the Muslim world...My strong expectation is that, from this new home, our education-oriented institutions will contribute powerfully to building new bridges of understanding across the gulfs of ignorance.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam

Inauguration of the Aga Khan Centre, London, UK, June 26, 2018

[Speech](#) at AKDN

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June 27, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [was hosted](#) at a luncheon in London by the UK's Secretary of State for International Development and Minister for Women and Equalities The Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt. Prince Ameen and Princess Zahra were also in attendance along with senior leaders from the AKDN, the Ismaili community, and the UK Government.

The AKDN and the UK Government have partnered in numerous joint projects designed to help improve the quality of life for people around the world, in areas including girls' education, community development, clean energy, financial inclusion and conflict resolution.

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- [met with](#) Prime Minister Theresa May at 10 Downing Street, the official residence and office of the British Prime Minister. Prime Minister May emphasised the importance of ongoing collaboration between the Ismaili Imam, the Aga Khan Development Network, the Ismaili community and various departments of the UK government to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged communities around the world.

“Our partnership with the Ismaili Imam has had a positive impact on livelihoods and living conditions in some of the poorest and most isolated parts of the world... We are delighted that His Highness has invested in London as the home of higher education institutions which are doing important work to improve our understanding of the history and cultures of Muslim civilisations.”

Prime Minister Theresa May

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Mawlana Hazar Imam with Prime Minister Theresa May. Photo: The.Ismaili/
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June 28, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- conducted ceremonies at the Ismaili Centre, London - a Silver Jubilee project and the first of its kind globally.

June 29, 2018

- graced the Jamat from the UK, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden with a [Darbar](#) at ExCel London.

Ismaili Council for the UK President Liakat Hasham delivered the loyalty address. A lacquer casket made during the time of the Qajar monarch, Fath Ali Shah, as well as a manuscript titled *Munajat* were gifted to Hazar Imam.



At the beginning of the 19th century, the Qajar dynasty was established and ruled Persia for over 125 years. The lid of the casket depicts Fath Ali Shah seated on his throne in full regalia. It was Fath Ali Shah who appointed Mawlana Hasan Ali Shah as governor of Kirman, and granted him the honorific title of Aga Khan.

The *Munajat* ('Confidential Talks' or 'Whispered Prayers') of Hazrat Ali, takes the form of prayers to Allah in simple but expressive verses. Comprising seven folios, the first folio gives the chain of transmission (*isnad*) of the prayers, followed on subsequent folios by the prayers themselves.

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Munajat (Confidential Talks) of 'Ali ibn Abu-Talib, ca. 1200, Iraq. Met Museum

- [departed](#) from London following the Darbar.

July 5-10, 2018

- Diamond Jubilee Celebration in Lisbon, Portugal (see pages 62 & 63).

July 6, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- [arrived in Lisbon](#) at the invitation of the government, to mark the conclusion of his Diamond Jubilee year.
- drove past Parque Eduardo VII where arrangements had been made for members of the Jamat to congregate and welcome him.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is greeted by Rahim Firozali, President of the Ismaili Council for Portugal. Photo: The.Ismaili/Aziz Ajaney



Mawlana Hazar Imam is received by Ambassador Arif Lalani, Head of the Department of Diplomatic Affairs; Manuela Galhardo, State Protocol Officer; Bruno Tavares, Diplomatic Adviser to the President of Parliament; and Head of State Protocol Ambassador, Clara Nunes dos Santos. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Zahuraly Ramji

July 7, 2018

Mawlana Hazar Imam

- met with the Jamat at the Ismaili Centre Lisbon and later graced the Portugal jurisdiction Jamat with a [Mulaqat](#) at Centro de Congressos in Lisbon.



Mawlana Hazar Imam departs the hall after the Mulaqat. Photo: The.Ismaili/
Mansurali Zafarani

July 9, 2018

- was [officially welcomed](#) to Portugal by President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa with full state honours at Palácio de Belém, the official residence of the President.



The Portugal Army Band performs the Portuguese national anthem and the Nashid al-Imamah to welcome Mawlana Hazar Imam to Palácio de Belém. Photo: The.Ismaili/Akbar Hakim

July 9, 2018

- Portuguese Prime Minister [hosted a luncheon](#) in honour of Mawlana Hazar Imam at Palácio Foz. Prime Minister Costa also invited the Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs Augusto Santos Silva and Prince Ayn to the luncheon, where he unveiled an official commemorative postage stamp featuring the Diamond Jubilee motif.
- In the evening, Portuguese President His Excellency Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, hosted Mawlana Hazar Imam and his family to a [state dinner](#) at the Palace of Queluz. Government and diplomatic representatives, along with leaders of the Jamat and AKDN were also in attendance.



Prime Minister António Costa unveils the official Diamond Jubilee commemorative postage stamp in the presence of Mawlana Hazar Imam, as Francisco Lacerda, CEO of CTT (Portugal Postal Services), and Raul Moreira, Head of Philately for CTT, look on. Photo: The.Ismaili/Nazim Lokhandwala

“The work carried out in different corners of the world is a demonstration of this constant concern of Your Highness and your family, for whom the concept of happiness is also the perception that conceived and implemented projects actually have a positive impact on the day to day lives of people, regardless of creed or origin...”

President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa
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From left to right, Prince Aly Muhammad, Princess Zahra, Prince Hussain, Princess Salwa, Prince Rahim, Mawlana Hazar Imam, President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, Prince Ayn, Miss Sara Boyden, and Master Iliyan Boyden. Photo: The.Ismaili/Akbar Hakim

July 10, 2018

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [delivered an address](#) to the Portuguese Parliament in the presence of his family, government officials, and leaders of the Jamat and the Aga Khan Development Network.

Upon his arrival to the Portugal Parliament at São Bento Palace in the morning, Hazar Imam was received by a guard of honour, and invited into the Senate Chamber by the President of the Assembly of the Republic, His Excellency Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, and the Mayor of Lisbon Fernando Medina.



Photo: The.Ismaili



Photo: The.Ismaili

“Your establishment here shows how we would like to represent ourselves as a bridge building country.”

President of the Assembly of the Republic, His Excellency Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues

“His Highness the Aga Khan exercises his mandate with a very clear purpose: to support humanity. This is the humanist spirit of intercommunal dialogue which has created such honour for the community he has led for so many years.”

Lisbon Mayor Fernando Medina

“Of course, when we use the word “discover” in connection with Portugal, we are immediately reminded of the leading role that Portugal played in the great Age of Discovery - a half a millennium and more, ago. The spirit of discovery - of reaching out, of connecting and engaging, has long been a central part of Portuguese culture.

It was here, on the Iberian peninsula, between the 8th and the 16th centuries, that the History of Al-Andalus was written - when Muslim administrations worked constructively with people of the Christian and the Jewish faiths, viewing a diversity of talents and energies as a source of strength – rather than a cause for division...

Through the centuries, the Seat of the Ismaili Imam has been formally designated in one or more locations by the Imam-of-the-Time, depending on the requirements of the day. It has known many homes over the years - throughout the Arabian Peninsula, in the Middle East, in South Asia, and in North Africa. It moved to Cairo in the tenth century, when my ancestors founded that city...

We know that the days ahead will be demanding ones, a time of profound global change...

So let us, then, go forward together, bound by our shared past, committed to our shared values, and inspired by our shared hopes for a constructive, purposeful future..”

Mawlana Hazar Imam

[Speech](#) at AKDN



Seated in the front row L to R: Prince Aryn, Princess Zahra, Prince Rahim, Princess Salwa, Prince Hussain, Prince Aly Muhammad, Miss Sara Boyden, Master Iliyan Boyden. Photo: The.Ismaili/Mo Govindji

July 10, 2018

- Following his address to the Portuguese Parliament, Mawlana Hazar Imam [opened](#) the exhibition *Ideals of Leadership: Masterpieces from the Aga Khan Museum Collection*. The exhibit will be displayed at the Parliament building, São Bento Palace until September 14, 2018.



Mawlana Hazar Imam tours the exhibition at the Parliament building. Photo: The.Ismaili/Mo Govindji

The exhibition consists of images and objects that convey the timeless ideals of leadership — humility, approachability, and benevolence, among others — that rulers have aspired to throughout the ages. Teaching rulers about the virtues of exemplary leadership has formed an integral part of political education in both the Islamic and Christian worlds across time and space. While Christian authors tended to rely on crafting a concrete, literal picture of the “ideal” prince, Muslim writers took a different approach, using storytelling, fables and analogies to convey wisdom and experience related to the art of governance.

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July 11, 2018

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [officially designated](#) the Henrique de Mendonça Palace located at Rua Marquês de Fronteira in Lisbon as the Seat of the Ismaili Imam, and declared that it be known as the “**Diwan of the Ismaili Imamat.**” The ceremony was attended by members of Hazar Imam’s family including Prince Aryn, Princess Zahra and her children Sara and Iliyan, Prince Rahim and Princess Salwa with their children Prince Irfan and Prince Sinan, Prince Hussain, and Prince Aly Muhammad as well as leaders of the Jamat from around the world.



This is the first time in the Ismaili Imamat’s 1,400-year history that a Seat has been established following a treaty with a sovereign non-Muslim country, making the designation a milestone moment for the global Ismaili community. Mawlana Hazar Imam highlighted the significance of the agreement on a global scale, as well as to the Jamat, during his remarks:

“Establishing a Seat in Portugal will also provide a platform for enhancing international relationships and taking them in new directions...It is my hope that the Jamat will share in my happiness over the accomplishment of this significant milestone which I believe will strengthen the Imamat’s capacity to fulfill its mandate of ensuring the Jamat’s safety, security, and quality of life.”

Mawlana Hazar Imam

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Gift to Mawlana Hazar Imam

To mark the significance of the occasion, a gift — a meticulously detailed coloured print depicting the Qajar monarch Fath Ali Shah — was presented to Mawlana Hazar Imam on behalf of the global Jamat. The print, with its exquisite detailing and saturated colours, evokes the powerful impression of the monumental imperial enthronement scenes.



The coloured aquatint on paper depicts the Qajar ruler Fath Ali Shah enthroned with princes, noblemen, ministers, foreign ambassadors, and envoys. The print is one of a series of reduced copies of life-size wall paintings completed in 1812-13, evoking the splendour and glory of Fath Ali Shah's reign at the Court of Persia in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

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The occasion was also marked by the launch of the official website of the Ismaili Imamat: <https://ismaili.imamat/>.

July 11, 2018 - Darbar

- Following the designation of the Seat of the Ismaili Imamat, Mawlana Hazar Imam graced the global Jamat with the final Diamond Jubilee Darbar at Feira Internacional de Lisboa.



Mawlana Hazar Imam is welcomed by Mukhi Saheb, Mukhiani Saheba, Kamadia Saheb, and Kamadiani Saheba of Lisbon Darkhana. Photo: The.Ismaili/Shyrose Bhanji

About 40,000 Jamati members from around the world had gathered for the historic occasion, which marked the culmination of the Diamond Jubilee celebration. Mawlana Hazar Imam was joined by members of his family.



Mawlana Hazar Imam walks through the Jamat at the Diamond Jubilee Darbar in Lisbon, followed by Prince Aryn, Princess Zahra, Prince Rahim and Princess Salwa, Prince Hussain, Prince Aly Muhammad, Miss Sara Boyden, and Master Iliyan Boyden. Photo: The.Ismaili/Zafarani Mansurali



Mawlana Hazar Imam shares a light moment with the Jamat at the Darbar. Left to right: Master Iliyan Boyden, Miss Sara Boyden, Princess Zahra, Prince Aryn, Prince Rahim, Princess Salwa, Prince Hussain, and Prince Aly Muhammad. Photo: The.Ismaili/Sohil Lalani

President of the Ismaili Council for Portugal, Rahim Firozali, delivered a loyalty address on behalf of all Jamats present and, along with Ismaili Council for Portugal Vice-President Azim Manji, presented Mawlana Hazar Imam with gifts on behalf of the Portugal jurisdiction Jamat. Presidents and vice-presidents of the jurisdiction Jamats which Mawlana Hazar Imam had not been able to visit during the Diamond Jubilee year, including Afghanistan, Australia and New Zealand, Bangladesh, the Far East, Iran, Syria, and Tajikistan, also presented gifts to Mawlana Hazar Imam on behalf of their respective Jamats.

The Jamat was surprised and delighted with a visit from His Excellency the President of the Portuguese Republic, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, to congratulate Mawlana Hazar Imam on the designation of the Seat of the Ismaili Imam and the 61st anniversary of his accession to the Imam.



Mawlana Hazar Imam receives President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa upon his arrival to the Darbar hall. Photo: The.Ismaili

In the presence of President Marcelo, Mawlana Hazar Imam conveyed his appreciation to the government and people of Portugal for inviting him to establish this Seat in the country, and explained the significance of this unique moment in the history of the Imam and Jamat:

“I express my gratitude to the government and people of Portugal for inviting me to establish this Seat here. The establishment of this Seat provides that the Imam and the government will continue to work together to enhance the understanding among Muslims and non-Muslims, and contribute to peace and stability around the world.”

President Marcelo delivered a short address, congratulating Mawlana Hazar Imam on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee, and the establishment of the Seat at the Henrique de Mendonça Palace:

“Portugal, home of peace and universal understanding, congratulates Your Highness for the Jubilee, and also for the constant contribution to peace, tolerance, dialogue, social commitment, plus building a better world,” he said. “I feel, I’m sure, that Portugal has become your home forever.”

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July 12, 2018

- Mawlana Hazar Imam departed from Lisbon, concluding a seven-day Diamond Jubilee visit.

Seat of Ismaili Imamat



Photo: The Ismaili Imamat

Historical Seat of Imamat

The notion of a Seat goes back to the time of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), whose residence in Medina served both as a seat and a mosque. Hazrat Ali, during his reign as the first Imam and the fourth Caliph of the Muslim Ummah, established his Seat in Kufa, Iraq. In the Fatimid caliphal era, the Seat of the Ismaili Imamat moved from Raqqadah in Qayrawan (now Tunisia), first to al-Mahdiyya, and thereafter to al-Mansuriyya and eventually to al-Qahira (now Cairo) in Egypt, a city founded by Mawlana Hazar Imam's ancestor, our 14th Imam, Caliph al-Mu'izz.

In Ismaili tradition, the notion of the Seat of the Imamat corresponds to the Imam's physical presence. Depending on the requirements of the Imamat and the Ismaili community, it is the Imam's prerogative formally to designate a Seat in one or more locations. Historically, including during the periods when they ruled over territories and peoples, Ismaili Imams have engaged in global diplomatic relations, with the Seat serving as the locus of such relations. In the modern era, the Imamat collaborates with national governments, regional and international institutions, and civil society organisations, to fulfill its mandate, which includes to guide the Jamat, and to improve the quality of life around the world.

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In 2010, the parliament of the Republic of Portugal unanimously ratified a landmark Faith Agreement with the Ismaili Imamat. The agreement acknowledged the institution of the Ismaili Imamat as an international legal entity with capacity to enter national and international treaties, and conferred formal recognition on the Ismaili community's constitutional bodies as established by the Imam. The agreement outlined a commitment to shared goals: the promotion and upholding of human dignity and pluralism, working to promote peace and stability, and improving the quality of life of the vulnerable, in Portugal and elsewhere.

The establishment of a Seat, for the first time in modern history of the Ismaili Imam, strengthens the institutional capacity of the Imam. The Seat establishes a global headquarters in Lisbon for all dimensions of its activities including those concerned with the affairs of the Ismaili community, international engagement, and the Imam's commitment to improving the quality of life.

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On June 3, 2015, Portugal's Minister of State and Foreign Affairs Rui Machete and Mawlana Hazar Imam signed a landmark Agreement between the Republic of Portugal and the Ismaili Imam for the establishment of a formal Seat of the Ismaili Imam in Portugal. The Agreement marks the first such accord in the Imam's modern history.



Mawlana Hazar Imam and Portugal's Minister of State and Foreign Affairs Rui Machete sign a landmark agreement on June 3, 2015 establishing a formal Seat of the Ismaili Imam in Portugal. Photo: AKDN / Gary Otte

The new agreement built on a series of earlier accords, which included an agreement on religious and cultural matters and a protocol on international cooperation with the Aga Khan Development Network, which serves communities across the world irrespective of their ethnicity or faith.

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Diwan

From the Arabic *diwan* and the Persian *devan*, the term was originally used to refer to a log book or a pension list of the finance department to award compensation to soldiers in Islamic societies. The term evolved to refer to a financial institution. In Mughal India, during the time of Akbar (1556–1605), the term was associated primarily with government finance, the chief finance minister being the *diwan*, with provincial *dawawin* under him. The term can also refer to chief treasury official, finance minister, or prime minister in some Indian states. Until the 19th century, Iranians used the term to refer to a central government in general. In the Ottoman Empire, the *diwan* referred to an imperial chancery headed by the grand vizier.

During Fatimid times (909-1171), “the central administration was carried on through the *diwan* system, and the various *diwans* (ministries, departments or offices) were at times situated at the residence of the caliph or vizier. The first central organ in Fatimid Egypt, in which the entire government machinery seems to have been concentrated and which at some unknown date split into a number of departments, was the *diwan al-majalis*.” (Daftary, *The Ismailis*, p 224)

There were three main *diwans* through which the central administration of the Fatimids operated:

- *diwan al-insha* or *al-rasa'il*, the chancery of state, entrusted with issuing and handling the various official documents including the caliphal decrees and letters;
- the *diwan al-jaysh wa'l-rawatib*, the department of the army and salaries;
- *diwan al-amwal*, the department of finance.

The term *diwan* was subsequently extended to mean the audience chamber of important government officers, whose offices, furnished with mattresses and cushions along the walls, account for the extension of the meaning to sofa - a long, low, soft seat without a back or arms.

The *diwan* can also refer to a collection of poems by one author.

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August 11, 2018

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [met with](#) the President of Ireland, His Excellency Michael Higgins of Ireland and his wife Sabina Mary Coyne, at their official residence Áras an Uachtaráin. The occasion honoured Hazar Imam's Diamond Jubilee, which concluded on July 11, 2018.



Mawlana Hazar Imam with His Excellency President Michael Higgins and his wife Sabina Mary Coyne. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Maxwell Photography

Aga Khan Development Network and Institutional events during the Diamond Jubilee Year

July 26, 2017

- The [First MicroFinance Bank, Afghanistan](#), a leading commercial and microfinance bank, announced the opening of the country's first women-only branch in Kabul. This initiative will allow Afghan women to manage their finances in a safe and facilitating environment. The unique branch, located in Dasht-e-Barchi, is supervised by 21 all-women staff, and is a first-of-its-kind exercise by any bank in Afghanistan.

October 10, 2017

- Prince Aly Muhammad [arrived](#) in Hundur Yasin Gilgit Baltistan. During his trip, Prince Aly Muhammad visited projects of the Aga Khan Development Network to enhance his understanding of issues related to the built environment, natural hazard mitigation, health, education, culture, and rural development—all areas in which the AKDN with its partners are actively engaged to improve the quality of life.



Prince Aly Muhammad is greeted by Hafiz Sherahli, President, Ismaili Council for Pakistan, at Islamabad Airport. Photo: The.Ismaili/Rahil Imtiaz Ali

October 19, 2017

- The Friends of the Aga Khan Museum in the Gulf and South Asia [was opened](#) at Concrete, a new space on Alserkal Avenue in Dubai, UAE. It will offer visitors a chance to see the contributions of Islamic civilisations to the world heritage.

October 22, 2017

- A new [Aga Khan Foundation](#)-supported cross-border energy line was inaugurated in Rushan in eastern Tajikistan. The line was installed by Pamir Energy, an Aga Khan Development Network project company, with support from the Governments of Germany and Tajikistan.

Rushan I provides long-term, sustainable energy to five villages in the Rushan district of Viloyati Mukhtori Kuhistoni Badakhshan (VMKB), bringing light and warmth to 7,800 people in Tajikistan and across the border in Northern Afghanistan – many of whom are receiving energy for the first time.

November 15, 2017

- Prince Ameen attended a fundraising gala held by Aga Khan Foundation USA in partnership with Met Museum at its Temple of Dendur in New York, USA. The theme of the gala was “Educate Today for a Brighter Tomorrow.”

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November 23, 2017

- Prince Ameen [officially opened](#) the *Ethics in Action* exhibition in Lisbon, Portugal, a Diamond Jubilee initiative.

AKDN agencies have been present in Portugal since 1983, with the Aga Khan Foundation working in the areas of early childhood education, social inclusion, and urban poverty.

At the event, Prince Ameen also announced the contribution of €100,000 made by members of the Ismaili community, towards the reforestation of Leiria’s ‘mata nacional’ — one of the areas worst hit by the forest fires in October.

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Prince Ameen inaugurating the *Ethics in Action* exhibition in Lisbon. Photo: The.Ismaili/Salvador Colaço

At a time of conflict and sectarian tension, what we are doing, shows we share a common culture and that we are all brethren, whether born here or elsewhere.”

Prince Ameen



Prince Ameen with the Ismaili Scouts. Photo: The.Ismaili/Salvador Colaço

November 24, 2017

- Prince Rahim was the guest of honour at a celebration hosted by The Institute of Ismaili Studies (IIS) in London, UK to mark the 40th anniversary of The Institute's establishment in 1977. Prince Rahim was received by Dr Farhad Daftary, Director of the Institute, and members of the Institute's Board of Governors. Past members of the Board as well as current staff and students were also in attendance.



Prince Rahim addresses guests at the IIS' 40th anniversary celebration. Photo: The.Ismaili/Anya Campbell

“Forty years may feel like a long time, but it’s a very short time in the life of an academic institution. IIS is a unique institution in terms of its mandate and role and it hasn’t simply been following an established model which has been implemented before.... this anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on our progress and achievements, and to celebrate the people who have made them possible....”

We have seen in these last decades the globalisation of the Jamat and its patterns of migration, which have made it even more important to be able to provide the Jamat with authentic and well prepared materials which enable an understanding of its history and of its heritage and of matters of the faith and its practice.”

Prince Rahim

Prince Rahim congratulated thirteen members of staff for their long-standing service to the Institute.

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December 11, 2017

- During Mawlana Hazar Imam's Diamond Jubilee visit to Pakistan, the Ismaili Council for Pakistan hosted a dinner in honour of the Board of Trustees of the Aga Khan University at the Serena Hotel in Islamabad. The dinner was attended by Princess Zahra along with other trustees and leaders of the Aga Khan Development Network and Jamati institutions.



Left to right: Dr Haile T. Debas, Chairman pro-tem; Princess Zahra, Member AKDN Board of Directors; and Hafiz Sherah, Ismaili Council for Pakistan President, applauding the performance at the institutional dinner. Photo: The.Ismaili /Akbar Hakim

Acknowledging the diverse representation of institutions, Princess Zahra emphasised the importance of all the pieces of what she called a “mosaic,” working together.

“As part of this mosaic of AKDN, I would say that one piece alone is not in itself an institution. It is the assembly of all the pieces that is greater than the whole. This mosaic that we all contribute to and work for is a wonderful thing.”

Princess Zahra

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Princess Zahra Aga Khan with the Board of Trustees at the institutional dinner. Photo: The.Ismaili/Imran Ahmed Hunzai

March 12, 2018

- Prince Ayn arrived in Toronto, Canada, for meetings with the board of the Aga Khan Museum and [opened the World of Fatimids exhibition](#), which ran from March 10 to July 2, 2018.

“The Fatimids pursued a policy of tolerance and inclusiveness, of pluralism hardly matched by any other Muslim dynasty of the medieval period...Fatimid Cairo became a flourishing center of scholarship, the sciences, art, and culture to match its pre-eminence in trade and commerce.”

Prince Ayn

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“The Aga Khan Museum’s work is so vital because you blur the boundaries between disciplines. You build bridges between cultures through unique experiences and learning opportunities. You’re a catalyst for mutual understanding and tolerance.”

Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

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Prince Ayn views pieces from the Fatimid period during a tour by curator Dr. Assadullah Souren Melikian-Chirvani. The World of the Fatimids exhibition features 87 artefacts from over a dozen institutions. Photo: The.Ismaili/Connie Tsang

March 21, 2018

- Mawlana Hazar Imam [issued a statement](#) in Geneva, Switzerland, announcing the establishment of the Aga Khan Music Awards.

The Awards, comprising US\$500,000 in prizes, recognise exceptional creativity, promise, and enterprise in music performance, creation, education, preservation and revitalisation in societies across the world in which Muslims have a significant presence.

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The [Aga Khan Music Initiative](#) began its work in Central Asia, subsequently expanding its cultural development activities to include artistic communities and audiences in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia.

Its projects have included the publication of a textbook, a 10-volume CD-DVD anthology, worldwide performances, and a network of music schools and centres that develop innovative music.

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June 17, 2018

- Prince Aly Muhammad launched the 34th annual World Partnership Walk at David Pecaut Square in Toronto, Canada.

Prince Aly Muhammad spoke passionately about his recent trip to Northern Pakistan where he witnessed the impact of climate change. His observations, captured in the short film “[Close to Home](#)”, recount the dramatic impact that fluctuations in climate have on the habitats and lives of vulnerable communities in the northern regions. The piece also highlights the initiatives undertaken by AKDN agencies, partnering with local communities, to mitigate the human impact of such disasters.

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Member for Parliament Arif Virani, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Carolyn Bennett, Toronto Mayor John Tory and Member for Parliament Yasmin Ratansi join Prince Aly Muhammad in opening the Walk. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Vazir Karsan

June 29, 2018

- Aga Khan Garden in Edmonton, Canada, a gift from Mawlana Hazar Imam, [was opened](#) to the public.

Other Diamond Jubilee Initiatives

[Jubilee Arts](#) – a new international programme to celebrate the Jamat’s artistic skills and cultural traditions, comprising [international talent showcase](#), [international art gallery](#), and [international film festival](#).

[Diamond Jubilee Music Series](#) held at venues across the United Kingdom jurisdiction, promoted pluralism and cultural encounters through the medium of music.

November 3, 2017

- [Groundbreaking for Phase II](#) of the Multi-Generational Housing in Calgary, Canada. Generations is developed and maintained by the Ismaili Council for the Prairies to help address Alberta’s aging population.

November 18, 2017

- Diamond Jubilee Music Series – [inaugural concert](#) at the Ismaili Centre, London, presented by The Ayoub Sisters.

March 21, 2018

- [Official Jubilee Arts song](#) released - composed by Pakistani-Australian Farhan Shah and lyricist Tina Ali Mohammed of the USA.

April 13-15, 2018

- [Jubilee Heritage Programme](#) - a Diamond Jubilee initiative delivered by the Jubilee Programs and Activities Task forces for Canada and the USA as well as the Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board, took a group of 25- to 40-year-olds through four institutional buildings: the Delegation of the Ismaili Imam and the Global Centre for Pluralism in Ottawa, and the Aga Khan Museum and the Ismaili Centre in Toronto.

April 29, 2018

- Jubilee Music Series – an [intercultural concert](#) featuring an array of musicians of the [Aga Khan Music Initiative](#) and guests, at Sofia Kyrkan in Stockholm, Sweden.



May 13, 2018

- Jubilee Music Series – [Mehfil-e-Noor](#) featuring international Sufi artists, at the London Palladium, UK.

June 15, 2018

- Jubilee Music Series – [Roshni](#) concert in London, UK.

June 16, 2018

- Jubilee Music Series – [Roshni](#) concert in Leicester, UK.

The *Roshni* concerts featured Jamati talent and showcased pieces recalled the emotional tunes from the musical soundscape during Mawlana Hazar Imam's previous visits to the United Kingdom. [The.Ismaili](#)

June 20, 2018

- Jubilee Music Series – [Jubilee](#) – the final in the series at concert at Royal Albert Hall, London, UK, featuring musicians from the Aga Khan Music Initiative

June 27, 2018

- [Revised official theme song](#) of *Rays of Light* released.

July 5-10, 2018

- Diamond Jubilee Celebration

❖ **Exhibitions**- July 5-10 - gallery of Prince Hussain's photographs, *Rays of Light*, *Ethics in Action*, and the *Aga Khan Museum Pop-Up Experience*.



❖ **International Art Gallery** - July 6-10 at the Pavilhao de Portugal. Bollywood actor & director Naseeruddin Shah gave the keynote address.

Prince Hussain viewing artwork. Photo: The.Ismaili

❖ **International Film Festival**
July 6-9 at the CC Vasco da Gama – Nos Cinemas. Prince Aly Muhammad addressed the audience on July 7 at the screening of his short film, *Close To Home*. He described the film as a chance to tell stories of people impacted by natural disasters caused by climate change.



Prince Aly Muhammad addressing the audience.
Photo: The.Ismaili

❖ **International Talent Showcase**
at Altice Arena
July 7 – theme *Reflection*
July 8 – theme *Imagine* (afternoon),
Marvel (evening)
July 9 – theme *Wonder* (afternoon),
Celebration (evening)

❖ **Jubilee Concerts** at Altice Arena
➤ July 5 – *King of Rhythms* – with Cheb Khaled, Vishal & Shekhar at Altice Arena
➤ July 10 – *Sufi Voyage* – with Ustad Rahat Fateh Ali Khan and Salim-Sulaiman. Prince Rahim and Princess Salwa were in attendance.



Prince Hussain and Prince Aly Muhammad enjoy an International Talent Showcase performance on July 8.
Photo: The.Ismaili

Members of Hazar Imam’s family walked through the *Rays of Light* exhibit, then stopped at Prince Hussain’s *Nature Photographic* exhibition. At the *Aga Khan Museum Pop-Up Experience*, Prince Aamn was pleased with the lifelike representation of the Bellerive room at the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto, while Princess Zahra was impressed with the atmosphere and set-up of the exhibitions space at the Feira Internacional de Lisboa. Following the exhibitions, the family toured the International Arts Gallery and enjoyed performances at the International Talent Showcase.

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Prince Hussain and Prince Aly Muhammad admire a photograph of Mawlana Hazar Imam as a young boy, during their tour of the *Rays of Light* exhibition. Photo: The.Ismaili/Aziz Ajaney



Prince Rahim, Princess Salwa, and Princes Irfan and Sinan tour the *Rays of Light* exhibition. Photo: The.Ismaili/Vazir Karsan



Princess Zahra, Miss Sara Boyden, and Master Iliyan Boyden view artwork at the International Art Gallery. Photo: The.Ismaili/Sohil Lalani



Prince Aamn, Princess Zahra, Miss Sara Boyden, and Master Iliyan Boyden enjoy a performance. Photo: The.Ismaili/ Aziz Ladha