



# Muslim News

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## EID 2011 message from Dr Anwar-ul Ghani, President of FIANZ

### **Kul Amm Wa Antum Be Khair EID MUBARAK**

All praises be to Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala for his infinite mercy and immeasurable blessings to all of us to celebrate yet another Eid together as one community in an environment which is peaceful and harmonious. Eid is a thanksgiving day, a day of remembrance, a day of celebration of successful graduation in attaining greater piety and proximity to Allah, the creator.

On behalf of FIANZ, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone "Eid Mubarak".

We devoted with sincerity, dedication and above all, piousness, to observe fasting in the month of Ramadhan. It has strengthened our faith and given us the much-needed impetus to perform more good deeds and fulfil our social responsibilities at the same time be thankful to Allah.

I was very pleased to note that during the month of Ramadhan, our community clearly demonstrated the spirit of compassion when they came together to give a significant helping hand to our less fortunate brethren in other parts of the world and in particular to people in Somalia who are gravely affected by the devastating and prolonged drought that has taken many lives. The enthusiasm of our community in coming forward to help was just amazing as over \$150,000 was raised and sent to the three most affected regions of Somalia.

Our acts of charity and compassion should go beyond the holy month of Ramadhan. This is the true Islamic spirit by which we radiate blessings to all humanity. Eid'ul Fitr is an occasion to offer our gratitude to Allah

Almighty for bestowing His blessings on us and to seek forgiveness from Him. It is also an auspicious day for us to strengthen our bonds and forgive the shortcomings of our family members and friends. Let us use the occasion of Eid to spread peace, compassion and friendship to our relatives, neighbours and friends. I urge Muslim New Zealanders to invite their neighbours and friends to share this joyous occasion and cultivate better understanding with wider community about Muslims and Islam.



It was a moving experience for our community to be hosted at Turangawaewae during the month of Ramadhan on the occasion of celebration of King Tuheitia coronation anniversary. I would like to thank all who made the efforts from Auckland to join the occasion. We need to share more of our way of life with Tangata Whenua and other fellow New Zealanders.

In New Zealand, Muslims will celebrate the festival of Eid'ul Fitr with family and friends in the climate

of peace and tranquillity. Let us remember in our prayers those people who are facing natural disasters, economic, political and social hardship. Let us use our triumph of Ramadhan to strengthen our resolve to be good example of a united community that steadfastly upholds the Islamic faith, yet is progressive, adaptive and inclusive.

Let us seek Allah Almighty's guidance to lead us on the right path, the path of peace and brotherhood. A'meen.

Wassalam

Dr Anwar Ghani MNZM JP

# GREETINGS FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA

## EID MUBARAK 1432H

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi  
Wabarakatuh  
Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar  
Walillah hil Hamd

Firstly, let us together raise our thanks to Allah swt, for after successfully performing the third pillar of Islam, we are able to celebrate the dawn of yet another Syawal. As I am a recent arrival in Wellington, this will mark my first Aidil Fitri celebration in New Zealand. Praise and thanks be to Allah swt. because by His grace and generosity, I have been given the chance to pen my thoughts in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri 1432H.



2. On behalf of my wife the High Commission staff and their families, I would like to extend our warmest Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri greetings to all Malaysians residing in New Zealand and all Muslimins in generals. Hari Raya Aidilfitri or Eid-ul-Fitr is a symbol of triumph and glory after prevailing through a month of abstinence in Ramadan. This celebration revolves around the exchanging of visits and greetings among family members and friends in the spirit of goodwill, forgiveness and reconciliation with one another.

3. The true spirit of Aidilfitri transcends the barriers of race, religion and culture. In Malaysia, our people jointly celebrate all the major festivities together in harmony and unity. Our way of life fosters the spirit of oneness and pride while promoting integration amid religious and cultural diversity. We are a multi-racial society in which every culture and ethnic group has place and role in the country. This has been our strength and as such, we cannot lose sight of the need to forge unity and harmony in spite of our diversity. This is no less important than achieving progress and prosperity.

4. Many Malaysians have called New Zealand home. Some had stayed for years, while others New Zealand is just a short lay-over in their life long journey to excellence. Here

they need to fulfil big responsibilities and obligations as students and employee and yet, we must give thank to Allah swt for His blessings that has enable us to celebrate Aidilfitri in peace and harmony, free of any kind of fear or consternation. For this we will continue to pray and asked for His continued blessings that this peace and harmony will endure so we can celebrate many more Aidilfitri in this beautiful country.

5. While we rejoice in the celebration, we must also not forget that there are those who are less fortunate and are not able to celebrate this day. A helping hand will go long way especially on an occasion like Aidilfitri, a time for giving and sharing.

Let us also remind ourselves not to be exceedingly extravagant in our celebration and be more prudent in our spending especially in light of escalating prices and global economic uncertainties.

6. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my utmost gratitude to the Government of New Zealand for its tireless efforts in engaging the Muslim community. I sincerely hope that the understanding and goodwill will be further enhanced and call on all Muslims to respond positively. As High Commissioner I am ever ready to assist in building bridges of goodwill and understanding between the Muslims and non-Muslims in New Zealand.

Once again, on behalf of my wife, family and members of the High Commission, I wish all of you "Eid Mubarak" and "Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Maaf Zahir dan Batin".

Thank you.

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26 August 2011

## In the Name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful

The just concluded ritual of fasting in the noble month of Ramadan was a period of self-reflection for the purpose of attaining piety. I therefore extend my hearty congratulations to all Muslims for observing this important pillar of our religion.

I pray that we would all carry along the discipline and self-reflection that we acquired in Ramadan to guide us in our interactions and endeavours in the months ahead.

Let us continue to co-exist in harmony with the wider New Zealand society and pray for peace and progress for humanity at large.

Ambassador Ahmed Al-Johani  
Consular-General  
Consulate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



## Eid Message from His Excellency Justice (Ret) MPH Rubin, Singapore High Commissioner in Wellington

Eid-ul-Fitr marks the culmination of the Holy Month of Ramadan. The month avails to all Muslims an opportunity to evince their faith and fulfil one of the five important tenets of Islam, namely, fasting, accompanied by special prayers and thanksgiving to the Almighty for the many favours and blessings that He, in his wisdom and compassion, has chosen to bestow and shall be pleased to bestow upon us.

2 This is also a fitting occasion for all New Zealand Muslims to remind themselves of their responsibilities and obligations to the wider society in which they live and strive to thrive. An indelible feature of Islam is that it is a religion of peace. Tolerance, forbearance, mutual respect, neighbourly love, practise



Mubarak.

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of virtue, and peaceful co-existence are some of the attributes of a good Muslim. In a society, such as New Zealand, where various faiths and ethnicities live side by side and commingle, it is vital that a conscious effort is exerted by all Muslims to portray a sense of inclusivity and endeavour to live in peace and harmony with their fellow men and environment.

3 This is a month of great rejoicings. And I now take this opportunity to wish all Muslim brethren, sisters and friends a Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri and a blissful Eid

## Muslims and the cultural backlash of globalisation

By Mohammed Musa

One of the most widely discussed concepts and developments in the present world is globalisation. While it will mean different things to different people the closest semblance to a general view about it is 'interdependence' or 'coming together' or even 'exchange' at a global scale.

It could mean for instance, that many of us would be driving cars whose engines are made in Japan, some of its other components in Indonesia because of cheap labour, and running on petrol coming from Saudi Arabia etc.

The Japanese economy will benefit from the current export climate that enables its manufactured cars to be sold here in New Zealand and elsewhere in the world. The same thing goes for the Saudis and other oil exporting states.

Technologically and economically therefore, there are no such 'pure' nations who live an exclusive existence. There is global interdependence.

Culturally too, the 21st century climate that made automobiles, goods and oil etc produced in one place to be available everywhere has meant religion and people are no longer confined to one location. Anyone who does not understand or appreciate this is either living 'another' world or simply suffering some malady.

Unfortunately time and time, one as a Muslim gets reminded about the contradictions or backlash of globalisation.

The most recent one is the July 22nd mass murder of

innocent people most of them very young, in Norway. The alleged perpetrator of this most recent act of terrorism, which, by the way, is yet to be given any prefix by the media, is 32-year-old Anders Behring Breivik.

The reasons he gave for his actions that took the lives of about 70 people is, among others that, he abhors 'Muslim migration and multiculturalism' in Europe and wants to see Europe becoming as pure as Japan and Korea.

Neither Japan nor Korea will be pleased to be described as 'pure' in Breivik's sense of the word precisely because if they were to remain so they would have to shut themselves out of the 21st century phenomenon of globalisation. They would have neither markets for their automobiles nor the oil required to drive them.

Globalisation among others, also imply that religion, as a cultural form has no fixed territory. It can have an area of greater concentration only. For instance, there would be more Christians in Europe and more Muslims in Middle East etc but these religions and their followers are also everywhere and will continue to be.

The movement of goods is real, the movement of people is real and so is the interdependence of world economies.

In the same way, cultural de-territorialization is real and to react to it violently is to be unreal.

To the extent that there are such unrealistic and irrational people around the world brings enormous challenge to us as Muslims. It means more effort is required from us to explain ourselves and especially explain the religion. In the end, Allah guides whom He wishes.





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**Eid-ul-Fitr Message**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Assalam-e-Alaikum,

On the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr 1432H, I convey my heartiest felicitations to all Muslims.

We have just concluded the holy month of Ramazan during which Muslim Ummah across the globe observed fasting with religious fervor. The underlying traits of the fasting are tolerance, forbearance and sharing and caring.

Trust the spirit of fasting which demands sacrifice and self discipline will also be imbibed into our daily lives. Inculcation of the essence of the month of Ramazan will help us to abide by the important themes of Islam in shape of Diversity, Dialogue and peaceful co-existence.

I urge the Muslims in New Zealand to be proactive and inclusive in political, economic and social processes of the mainstream society.

I wish you all, your families and friends EID MUBARAK and pray that this Eid may bring joy, happiness, peace and prosperity.

(Syed Ibne Abbas)

## Message of Eid ul-Fitr from the ambassador of Turkey

“Laylat al-Qadr”, the anniversary of the first revelation of the holy Quran, will be observed on the night between coming Friday, 26 August and Saturday, 27 August. We will also celebrate Eid ul-Fitr on Tuesday, 30 August 2011.

The blessings for praying on “Laylat al-Qadr” are greater than thousands of months. This holy night provides an important opportunity for us to evaluate our past, to transform ourselves to better human being and to ask for forgiveness.

Eid ul-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan, is a joyous occasion but also a day of gratitude for the everyday blessings we enjoy in life. It is a time for deep reflection, renewal of pledges and to cultivate faith.

I wish these joyous occasions would bring peace and happiness for all humanity. On this happy occasion I would like to extend my greetings and best wishes to our Muslim brothers/sisters and their families in New Zealand.

Ali YAKITAL  
Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey



*To all Muslim brothers and sisters,  
I would like to wish you a very happy  
Eid. May the mercy and blessings of the  
Almighty be with us, our families and  
friends. May Allah accept all our  
prayers.*

EID MUBARAK



*Dr. Ashraf Choudhary MP*

# Chinese delegation visits New Zealand



Recently a delegation from China visited New Zealand looking into the possibility of procuring halal meat from New Zealand. The delegation visited an abattoir where halal slaughtering of cattle and sheep is done under the supervision of FIANZ. It is hoped to further our contacts with them in the near future so we can increase halal meat export from New Zealand to China. This way we will be benefiting New Zealand and will also benefit muslims here. May Allaah help us in this effort.

## MUSLIM COUNCIL OF AUCKLAND

Muslim Council of Auckland known as MCA was formed about two one half years ago. Most of the Centres in Auckland are members of it. It operates under a MOU signed by these Centres. It has list of activities that it will try to implement for Auckland. These include the following:

- Annual Eid Festival, Inter Madrassah Sports tournaments

- Islamic Arts and Culture Exhibition

- Islamic Awareness Week

- Seminars and Training for Muslim Leaders

- Children's Quran and Islamic Quiz competition

- Quran and Islamic Quiz competition

- Ramadhan Timetable

- Overseas and local Muslim students orientation and dinner/lunch programme

- Seminars for Muslim professionals

- Seminars and teacher training for Imams and ustaads

- Youth Camps

- Janazah Services

- Prison visits and services

- Hospital visits and services

- Refugee and migrant services

- Seminars on other issues such as family, parenting, anger management, domestic violence etc

Lectures on Islam in various high schools around Auckland (specialised training for group of professionals to do this)

- Women's Issues

- Publication of pamphlets

In the past two years we have held meetings in most of the centres where members get together have meals together, discuss issues and disperse. We have also invited Police, Auckland Council Officers, Auckland District Board members and other to come and talk to us on different issues.

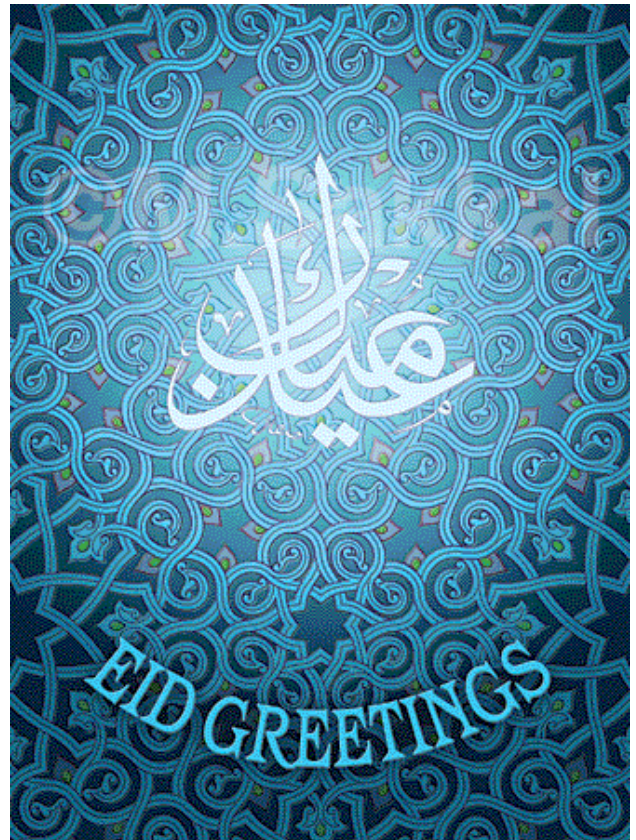
The MCA is still in its infancy and a lot of work is required to be done to make it a success. It is all about uniting the Muslims at regional level so we can work together. May Allaah help and guide us all.



# LOOKING AHEAD

FIANZ reviewed and amended its Constitution recently making provision for formation of regional Councils. The aim is to create a greater contact with muslims at grass roots level, wherever they live in New Zealand. When FIANZ was established in 1978 there were only three or four Associations throughout New Zealand which came together to establish FIANZ. The reality now is that we have so many organisations in various regions running and maintaining Islamic centres and massajid and providing service to the community. The largest region is Auckland. And now this is expanding in other regions as well. Although most of these organisations are Trusts, they do keep in touch with the local community who attend this Centres regularly.

Perhaps in the next ten to fifteen years the present structure of FIANZ may need to change to accommodate representation through the regional bodies to give more say to the community in the affairs of FIANZ which is the nationally recognised body for Muslims in New Zealand.



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# BEAUTY OF EID

By Farid Ahmed

After a month of fasting comes Eid ul Fitr, a great day for world Muslims. It is a day of happiness, celebration, generosity and unity. Let us share few words about the beauty of Eid in this essay Insha Allah.

## WHY HAPPINESS?

The main reason for happiness is the promise of reward and forgiveness from Allah after the hard work in the fasting month. Muslims fast by the day and stand for long prayer during the night for the pleasure of Allah. Eid day is the pay day for that hard work. According to a hadis, narrated by Hazrat Anas (R.A) that holy prophet (SAW) said that on Eid day, Allah (SWT) makes an announcement before angels about the hard working Muslims and that is:

“Today I will accept their supplications, then say here you go, I have forgiven your shortcomings and changed your bad deeds into good deeds.” (Baihaqi)

Allah’s forgiveness takes Muslims one step closer to the Paradise, the place of everlasting happiness in next life. That is the most important reason for happiness on Eid day for Muslims.

## HOW DO WE CELEBRATE?

For happy occasion, Muslims celebrate in a unique way. The most important aspects of our celebration come from the teaching of Quran and Sunnah.

We can look at an example from Holy Quran. When Allah (SWT) informed the near victory of Islam and Muslims in Makkah, it was very happy news indeed. Then Allah (SWT) also informed the proper way of celebration. Al-Quran-110

“When Help of Allah and victory (of Makkah) comes, and you (O prophet) see the people enter Allah’s religion in groups. Then CELEBRATE the Praises of your Lord, and pray for forgiveness from Him.”

Another example: When Allah granted the Fountain for holy Prophet (SAW), it was happy news indeed. Then Allah taught holy prophet how to celebrate it in Holy Quran (108:1-2)

“To you (O Prophet) We have granted the Fountain (Of abundance), Therefore turn to your Lord in

prayer and sacrifice”

From these two examples we can see the Islamic way of celebration is unique in the sense that:

(a) We perform a special Eid prayer to show we are His humble servants and we thank Him in the special way He taught us through His Holy prophet (SAW). In this prayer we praise Him, we seek forgiveness and we seek all the goodness in this world and the world here after from Him.

(b) We celebrate His glory by saying ALLAHU AKBAR Takbir

(c) We sacrifice money, food to share with the needy Muslims as Zakat ul Fitr in this Eid and so on. It is a practise of generosity and looking after the less privileged.

## HOW DOES IT UNITE MUSLIMS?

Islam is a religion of unity and peace. Its main purpose is to abolish discrimination, violence, racism and so on. Islam calls all Muslims in the locality to come together and pray as a united body, side by side peacefully. All Muslims share one thing in that process and that is worshipping Allah only.

After prayer, they embrace one another, forgive one another freely and, as a result enjoy the flow of happiness, joy and peace. They pray not just for themselves but for the rest of the Muslims and for the rest of the mankind.

This divine unity through the belief in one Allah is so precious that money can not buy it. So Eid is training for unity that Allah has ordered Muslims to have. Al Quran 3.103

“And hold fast, all of you together by the Rope which Allah (Stretches out for you), and do not be divided among yourselves (being Muslims)”

## HOW THE HAPPINESS SPREADS?

The joy then continues to other levels. Muslims prepare nice foods for the family and then invite other friends and families to share the food and happiness. We share our foods with our neighbours regardless of their faith as a nice gesture of sharing happiness, peace and harmony.

So the beauty of Eid brings spiritual, physical, social happiness and joy for Muslims and for the humanity. Eid teaches Muslims to be God fearing, to be peaceful and harmonious with all.

Is not that wonderful!



# Eid a day of thanksgiving

NO sooner does the first moon of Shawwal appear in the western horizon than Muslims all over the world break into the chants of Takbeer, gesturing the festival of Eid Al Fitr.

“Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Lailah Illa Allah, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Walillahil Hamdu” which means “Allah is the Most Great; there is no deity to worship but Allah. Allah is the Most Great and to Allah goes all praises.”

All deeds, including the festivals in Islam, are performed by Muslims in accordance with the directive of Allah. In view of that, Muslims are getting ready to celebrate Eid Al Fitr after the successful completion of Ramadan fasting.

God says:

“He wants that you must complete the same number (of days) and that you must magnify Allah (ie to say Takbeer (Allahu Akbar; Allah is the Most Great) for having guided you so that you must be grateful to Him (2:185).

All believing men and women, boys and girls, start enjoying with seventh heaven at the very sight of the first moon of Shawwal.

The boys and girls, who dream about the day of Eid long before the first moon of Shawwal comes into view, find pleasure in burning the midnight oil on the penultimate night of Eid to beautify their bands and feet with henna.

While Muslims celebrate Eid, they cannot but rejoice it as a symbol of thanksgiving and jubilation to Allah for giving them the chance and strength to carry out the moral, spiritual and physical test during Ramadan.

To tell you the truth, Ramadan equips Muslims to swim in the roughest seas of life. All their organs observe fasting by turning down all sorts of illicit pleasures.

The celebration of Eid Al Fitr starts with the distribution of Zakat Al Fitr without which Muslims can't fulfil its spiritual significance. This should be distributed before going to the prayer ground.

The Quran says:

“Indeed whosoever purifies himself (by avoiding polytheism and accepting Islamic monotheism) shall achieve success, and remembers (glorifies) the name of his Lord and prays”. (87:14-15)

By distributing Zakat Al Fitr, Muslims cleanse themselves in body, mind, and soul which make them fit to see and proclaim the Glory of God. That leads them to the absorption in praise and prayer.

Zakat Al Fitr aims at the total eradication of poverty of the Muslim destitute on the day of Eid. In addition, it will make up for the idle deeds and shameful talks committed by the distributor of Zakat Al Fitr during his fasting days. It also acts as a cord between rich and the poor within the Islamic community.

Islam wants its followers to live as a model and justly balance society who would witness over the other communities and as such they cannot treat festivals as an occasion to take a vacation from Islamic responsibilities and commitments.

It is the tradition of the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) to give charity, visit relatives and the sick and pray for the people who suffer for various reasons on the day of Eid celebration. This does not mean that Muslims are prohibited from making merry on the day of Eid. They can, but without shedding its holiness.

Aysha, the wife of the Prophet, said: “Allah's Messenger entered my house when I had two girls singing the songs of Bu'aath (pre-Islamic war lore) and beating on a duff; so he lay down on the bed and turned his face away. Then Abubacker (Father) came in and scolded me saying, 'The flutes of Shytan played in the presence of Allah's Messenger? So, Allah's Messenger turned towards him and said, 'leave them alone, O Abubacker! Every people have a Eid, and this is our Eid'. (Bukari)

Eid is also a valuable occasion for Muslims to take pledge with the Almighty to revitalise the spirit of mental and physical training which they have had during Ramadan fasting so that humanity will be able to reap the fruits of a peaceful life.

Wish you all happy and prosperous Eid Mubarak.

Source: Gulf Daily News



# EID Mubarak From the Team - Muslims in New Zealand - Kiwi Muslim Directory

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Eid ul Fitr 2011 Salah Timings'' – New Zealand

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Auckland

Dannemora :7:15am

Ponsonby 7 30am

War Memorial Hall, May Road,Mt Roskill 7 30am (If Eid on Wednesday)

Avondale 7 30am

Airport Masjid 7:30am

Pakuranga Masjid 7:30am

Masjid Mustafa,Otahuhu 7:30am

Papatoetoe Islamic Centre(Skipton Hall,Mangere) 7:30am

New Lynn Islamic Centre 7:30

Masjid Attaqwa 7:30

Manatul Islam Trust 7 30

Pukekohe 107 Princes St 7.30am

Unitec Mt Albert 7 30am

Al Ikhlās Trust Pakuranga Community Hall,346 Pakuranga Road :7 30am

Kelston 7 45am

Al Farooq Islamic Centre 8.00am

Masjid Ayesha 8.00am

AUT Prayer Hall 8am

Onehunga Masjid 8.00

Ranui Masjid 8.00am

Masjid e Umar 8:15

Takanini 8 30

Botanical Gardens,Manurewa 9.00am - SEE FLYER

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Time: 8:15 am

Venue: Netball Waitakere Te Pai Centre

31-35 Te Pai Place (Off Lincoln Road)

Northshore(Venue unknown) 8.00am

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Kilbirnie Masjid 9am

Hawkes Bay Islamic Centre:8am

Te Kuiti 8.30am

Hamilton Gardens 8am

Frankton Masjid Hamilton 8.15am

Palmerston north Arena Manawatu @ pascal street takbeer 7:30am salah 8:00am

Whanganui:7.30am

Invercargill 8 AM

8am 40 Beach Street,Fitzroy,New Plymouth Inshallah

Rotorua 7 30am

Dunedin

Christchurch

Whangarei

Tauranga

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From : FIANZ Hilal Committee  
Subject : Shawaal 1432H  
Date : 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011 / 29<sup>th</sup> Ramadhan 1432H

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Assalaam alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh.*

On behalf of the Hilal Committee, I wish to inform that the new moon for Shawaal **has not been sighted** today. Therefore, the Hilal Committee would like to announce that we will complete 30 days of fasting tomorrow and Eid will be observed all over New Zealand on **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011**.

We take this opportunity to extend our warmest and heartiest Eid Mubarak to all members of our community and congratulate them for having strived to fulfil this honourable obligation of fasting and praying.

*Jazakallaho Khair and Wassalam.*

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