



Ramadan Message
of the President of the Meshihat of the Islamic Community in Croatia
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Dear brothers and respected sisters,

The blessed month of Ramadan is approaching us, which this year we will welcome with the akşam prayer on 18 February 2026, while the first day of fasting will be 19 February 2026. We know that the blessed month of Ramadan is the month of Allah's, may He be glorified and exalted, mercy, forgiveness, and the month in which the Creator, may He be glorified and exalted, frees His servants from suffering in the Hellfire, therefore let us not forget to express our gratitude to Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, for enabling us to once again in our lives reach the month that is undoubtedly the most valuable in the year.

On this occasion, I wish to take the opportunity to remind all of us of the hadith of Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, which teaches us that every voluntary act of worship we perform in Ramadan is worth as much as an obligatory act outside of Ramadan, and that every obligatory act we perform is worth as seventy obligatory acts outside of Ramadan. The mentioned example is one of many in which the immeasurable Divine mercy, love for us, and encouragement not to lose hope in His mercy and forgiveness are reflected. From the promises that Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, has given us, every believer can feel that, with a little effort and will, it is possible to attain Allah's pleasure, because He is our greatest support to persevere, He calls us with His gifts that He offers within our reach, He encourages us and, I would dare to say, cheers for us, so that we recognize the guidance He gives us and follow the path of His pleasure. In our efforts there is also fasting, which was prescribed to those who lived before us, as the Qur'an teaches us, to help us develop God-consciousness, that is, awareness of God and the blessings He offers. There is no other month in the year, apart from Ramadan, in which deeds are more valuable, and sins heavier, precisely because of the blessings it contains. Let us not forget to seek, in the last third of Ramadan, in its odd nights, the Night of Laylat al-Qadr which is better than one thousand months, as the Qur'an teaches us. Let our fasting be support and assistance in our efforts to do as much good as possible and let us take care that nothing remains of our fasting except hunger and thirst because we did not pay attention to what we speak, look at, and listen to. Let us fast with our entire being devoted to Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, so that we may emerge better from this blessed month than we entered it, because that is the only parameter by which we ourselves can measure whether we have succeeded or not.

May this blessed month of Ramadan be an incentive for us that, alongside spiritual purification, we also purify our wealth from that which Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, has given us and which is the right of others. Let us not forget that everything we have is a gift from Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, and that likewise we can remain without all of it, and the best insurance for property is zakat, and the best insurance for life is sadaqah, which we must not mix with zakat and sadaqat al-fitr which are obligatory. Therefore, let us not allow Shaytan to turn us away with false fear of poverty because of our giving. Zakat is an obligation for those who during the year had 12,619.00 euros or more, which they did not spend, and on that amount 2.5% is given for the needy. The minimum amount of zakat is €315. Fasting is purified by sadaqat al-fitr without which it will not be accepted, and the amount for sadaqat al-fitr is €10, €15, and €20.

By paying zakat and sadaqat al-fitr into the Bayt al-Mal of the Islamic Community in Croatia you ensure assistance to the needy, the maintenance of the work of the Islamic Gymnasium Dr. Ahmed Smajlović, and the humanitarian work of the Community, since the funds are used specifically for the stated purposes. Also, let us not forget, whoever is able to allocate from his wealth for the projects that are currently being built in Maljevac, on Krk, in Osijek, and for the purchase of land and construction of the Educational Center of the Islamic Community in Croatia, which will be built in Zagreb next to the Islamic Center Zagreb, so that we would not miss the opportunity, because by doing so we truly invest in ourselves. Allocating for these needs is an investment in lasting good, from which we will have benefit even when we depart from this world until the Day of Judgment. The Islamic Community has purchased 9,001 m², and the price of one square meter is €250. For everyone who participates even with this one square meter, in accordance with the hadith of Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, that whoever builds a mosque even the size of a bird's nest, Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, will build him a house in Paradise, there will be a lasting reward which we must not miss if we are able. Especially because in Ramadan good deeds are rewarded many times over. Let us not forget those who are in need, and through the majlises and Zirat of the Islamic Community in Croatia you can always donate knowing that we will surely deliver assistance to those most vulnerable on your behalf. Also, let us remember in our supplications our deceased, let us ask Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, to help all the afflicted and those upon whom injustice has been inflicted, especially our brothers and sisters in Palestine. Let us strive for good, because every good deed that we do Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, according to the Qur'anic verse, will, to whom He wills, multiply up to 700 times, therefore let us strive to do as much good as possible in Ramadan, for we may hope for the greatest reward.

I ask Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, to help you with health and perseverance in doing good on His path and to make firm our steps on the path toward His pleasure!

Dear brothers and sisters, I congratulate you on the upcoming Ramadan with the words:
"Ramadan Mubarak!"

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For all those who are able and wish to participate in the construction of the Educational Center of the Islamic Community in Croatia, they can do so by paying contributions in their majlises, or to the account number of the Waqf of the Islamic Community in Croatia or via Internet banking. May Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, accept it from you and increase your wealth! Amin!

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