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AFIC wishes peace, goodwill a most prosperous and safe new Hijra year for all

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Today is the first day of the year 1442 on the Lunar Hijra calendar. The Hijra (literally migration) is a very important ritual in Islam. It involves spiritual growth and the constant pursuit of self and community betterment.

1442 years ago, the prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, migrated from Mecca (where he had endured tremendous persecution) to Medina (where he was welcomed as a much loved, respected and obeyed spiritual guide).

With his reclaimed freedoms in the city of Medina, the prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, instituted the first comprehensive constitution, peace treaties and charter for a healthy multicultural and multi-faith society. That society endured many external attacks and overcame attempts at internal treasons to, within less than ten years, provide highly advanced models for humanity.

The Hijra migration from Mecca to Medina left such a profound legacy for the human family that its goodness continues to permeate throughout the world.

We move into the new year fighting a pandemic that is sweeping across our world, we ask Allah, in His Compassion, Mercy and Healing qualities to keep us all safe, help us overcome COVID 19 and transform us all into a force for goodness, justice and lasting peace.

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