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Ground Breaking Ceremony of Kurla Complex, Mumbai, India

Dearest Brother Ali

Salaam Alaykum

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Management Committee and indeed our whole Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Community of Mumbai on this landmark ground breaking ceremony of the Kurla Complex in Mumbai, India.

Mumbai has been the most significant location for our community's epic journey of faith. After all, our community's reversion was down to the unrelenting and unending hard work of Mulla Qadir Hussain and his students where he established the first Madressa and centre despite facing continual oppression, suppression and repression. Our community is a legacy to his hard work and the commitment of other key figures who guided us onto the Madhab of the Shia Ithna Asheri faith. Mumbai can therefore be seen as the cradle of our community and therefore a city of great importance to us.


This Kurla development is based in an important part of Mumbai and, I believe, this will prove significant in years to come. It was particularly pleasing to witness the level of consultation and co-operation between the Mumbai Jamaat and The World Federation for this project and heartening to see the ever strengthening relationship between these two great and historic institutions.

Lastly, I would like to formally apologise for not being able to attend the ceremony purely for personal reasons. I would have truly loved to have been present to witness first hand this new chapter in the history of our community in Mumbai. However, I am dearly looking forward to visiting this complex and spending time with you and the community there at our forthcoming Executive Council Meeting, InshAllah.

Wishing you the best.

Yours in spirit.

With Salaams and Du'as



Shan E Abbas Hassam
Secretary General

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