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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **HEAD OF AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY RETURNS TO ACCRA**

### **Official Reception held at Ahmadiyya Headquarters in Accra**

The Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad returned today to the Ahmadiyya Central Mission in Accra following a number of days spent at Bagh-e-Ahmad. En route to Accra, His Holiness visited a number of important places owned by the Ahmadiyya Community. Thereafter, His Holiness attended an official reception held in his honour at the Central Mission. The event was also attended by His Excellency, Alhaj Aliu Mahama the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana and His Excellency Darren Schemmer the Canadian High Commissioner in Ghana.

His Holiness departed Bagh-e-Ahmad at 10.35am with hundreds of Ahmadiis gathering round and singing the words, '*I am with you, O Masroor*' which represented a phrase revealed by God Almighty to the Promised Messiah, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian.

At 11.15am His Holiness arrived at the Ekraufu Ahmadiyya Cemetery in which a number of prominent members of the Ghanaian Ahmadiyya Community have been buried. His Holiness prayed at the grave of Chief First Mahdi Appah who

was the first Ahmadi convert in Ghana and also at the graves of Amosah Mensah and Tahir Kwesi Hammond.

Later in the day His Holiness inaugurated the Raqem Printing Press at the Regional Headquarters of the Community near Accra. Within the complex there was a computer room, a number of offices as well as the actual printing press. The print room consisted of machines used for cutting, binding, printing and finishing that had been imported from the United Kingdom. The inauguration ended as His Holiness planted a tree celebrating the Khilafat Centenary in the courtyard whilst hundreds of Ahmadis sang the words *'There is none worthy of worship except Allah'* in unison.

The official reception in honour of His Holiness was held at the Central Mission in Accra from 6.30pm. Dignitaries from many spheres of the local society attended.

During his speech His Excellency, the Vice President said:

***"It is a privilege for me to be invited to this reception to welcome His Holiness... The Ahmadiyya Mission in Ghana always displays ample tolerance when dealing with Muslims and non-Muslims alike. This is due to the Divine guidance which is granted to His Holiness. The message he always spreads is of love."***

The evening concluded with a brief address by His Holiness in which he thanked His Excellency for having been a long and loyal friend of the Jama'at.

He said:

***“I remember almost five years ago His Excellency visited the United Kingdom and was anxious to meet with me and so we met at the Fazl Mosque in London. Normally non-Ahmadi Muslims never like to offer prayers behind Ahmadis, but the Vice President did offer prayers in our Mosque. I hope that, as he has done in the past, he continues to show such kindness that we cherish a great deal.”***

### **End of Release**

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