



MEDIA RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

# Media Advisory

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## Canada Day Celebrations at Prairie Winds Park

Thousands of Calgarians to join Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at in celebrating Canada Day

**Event:** Celebrating Canada Day with Ahmadiyya Muslims

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at to host Canada Day celebrations, affirming the core Islamic teaching, "Loyalty to Homeland is Part of Faith", in unison with the fellow citizens. Canada Day Celebrations at Prairie winds Park is one of premier events in town attended by thousands of Calgarians representing diverse communities. Several Federal & Provincial Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Aldermen, Community Leaders will also attend the ceremony. Complementary refreshments will be served.

**When:** Date: July 01, 2014 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
11:00 am Flag Hoisting & Messages by Special Guests  
12:00 am Refreshments and Socializing

**Where:** Prairie Winds Park 223 Castleridge Blvd. N.E Calgary  
(Across Baitun Nur Mosque: 4353 54 AVE NE CALGARY AB T3J 4L3)

**Media Opportunity:** Media Representatives are invited to cover this event.  
The organizers and the participants will be available for interviews

**Notes for the editor:**

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at (Community) is a global religious organization founded in 1889. It has tens of millions of followers in more than 200 countries. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at categorically rejects all forms of extremism. The founder of the community Hadhrat Mirza Ghulām Ahmad <sup>as</sup>, the Promised Messiah and the Mahdi, declared that extremism and an aggressive "Jihad with the sword" has no place in Islam. The best way to defend Islam is through an intellectual "Jihad with the pen". The motto of the community is "LOVE FOR ALL - HATRED FOR NONE". The community is known for its unique approach to interfaith dialogue and active engagement in charitable work at home and abroad; such as *Run for Vaughan*, *Run for Calgary*, *Feed the Hungry* program in the GTA and establishing schools and hospitals in the developing countries. It advocates universal human rights and protections for religious and other minorities. It champions the empowerment and education of women. Its members are among the most law-abiding, educated, and engaged Muslims in the world. The world renowned Nobel Laureate, Professor Abdus Salam who did the ground breaking work in discovery of Higgs boson particle also belonged to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. On July 5, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper while speaking at the inauguration ceremony on Baitun Nur Mosque referred to Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at as "the true and benevolent face of Islam" and it's Khalīfa as the "champion of peace".