

Message from President Naushad on the occasion of his Europe visit

My dear sisters and brothers,

I write these words to you today with profound humility and deep emotion. It is difficult to fully express what has just taken place in Berlin.

More than 12,000 murids travelled by car, train, and plane—many across great distances—for the didar of their Hazar Imam. They came from more than 20 countries and over 100 cities. Never before in any jurisdiction have we witnessed such a rich tapestry of cultures united as one Jamat: Tajiks, Afghans, Syrians, East African, Iranians, and murids from many other cultures and traditions, all gathered under one roof, united by their love for their Imam and their care for one another.

The day began with light rain, but as Hazar Imam stepped from his car, the sun shone. In that moment, it felt as though his magic had been sprinkled over us all.

One young murid who held the lift for Hazar Imam had never seen his Imam before. As Hazar Imam passed him, tears streamed down his face. A senior murid, seated quietly in the Didar Hall, shared with me that she and her family had travelled throughout the day to be there. An Afghan Kamadianisaheba told me she was the only member of her family ever to receive the physical didar of Hazar Imam. She carried with her the prayers of her entire family and the memories of generations who had endured hardship without the blessing of physical didar.

Hazar Imam brought happiness to everyone—from the murids in the didar hall, to those standing along the streets, and even the young children waving goodbye. He paused and spoke to as many people as he could, making each encounter feel deeply personal.

Moments like these are overwhelming.

Yet none of this would have been possible without the tireless service of thousands of volunteers. I know how demanding this journey has been, and I offer my heartfelt salute to every volunteer who helped make this didar possible. Volunteers from the UK worked shoulder to shoulder with volunteers from across Europe and our global volunteer teams. Their dedication has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Not only am I immensely proud of them, but I am also deeply proud to be an Ismaili. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude to every member of the Jamat who served, donated, prayed, and supported this historic visit in so many different ways.

Mawlana Hazar Imam conveyed his loving thoughts to all murids and, in particular, to those who were unable to be present for didar. He sent *juro* for the Jamat across the jurisdiction, which will be distributed in Jamatkhanas on Chandraat.

On behalf of all the Jamati Institutions, let me also take this opportunity to apologise for our shortcomings in delivering the UK and Europe visit. Thank you to those of you who shared your feedback directly. We have learnt much and will continue to learn. With sincere humility, I seek your forgiveness.

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With light in our hearts and gratitude for the immeasurable grace of Imam-e-Zaman in our lives, let me close with a slightly revised didar prayer.

May the blessings of this physical didar deepen our gratitude, strengthen our compassion, and keep us ever close to our Imam and to one another.

Hai Zinda.