



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Senator the Honourable Haji Kazim Hosein

MEDIA STATEMENT

Ramadan Mubarak from Minister Haji Kazim Hosein

May 5th, 2019 Kent House, Maraval – On behalf of the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, I extend best wishes to our nation's brothers and sisters in Islam, on the occasion of Ramadan.

During this month long fast, Muslims across our nation and by extension across the world observe a period of fast from dawn to sunset where they abstain from food, drink, vain talk and impermissible actions. Muslims near and far come together in reverence to Almighty Allah (swt), seeking his forgiveness and guidance. As we welcome this Blessed month, we reminisce on the Holy Qur'an which was revealed to Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) as a mercy for all humanity, reinforcing the importance of the 5 pillars of Islam; Faith (Shahadah), Prayer (Salah), Fasting (Sawm), Almsgiving (Zakat) and Pilgrimage (Hajj).

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic Lunar calendar, is a month for extra prayer, reflection, and generosity. This year, I encourage my Muslim Brothers and Sisters to fast with a purpose; cleanse your minds and hearts so that you will reap the beautiful benefits of Ramadan. May your fast generate positivity through acts of kindness, forgiveness and compassion. I appeal especially to all parents, teachers and elders of our younger generation to inculcate in them acts of charity and volunteerism; let them be grounded in the morals and values that exudes service to God through service to mankind. We must teach our youth to exercise the teachings of Almighty Allah (swt) in their daily lives. Let our faith be a reminder for them to do good and be their brothers' keepers.

I would once again like to wish you and your loved ones a rewarding and successful Ramadan. I pray that Allah (swt) blesses us with good health, long life and imaan to seek His reward through good deeds. May Allah (swt) accept our fasts and ibaadah and grant ease for all our Brothers and Sisters who are facing difficulties and suffering hardships. Ameen.

Ramadan Mubarak and best wishes!

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