

UN Secretary-General Calls for Peace, Solidarity and Hope in Ramadan Message

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has called for unity, peace and compassion in a message marking the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan.

In his official statement, the Secretary-General described Ramadan as “a sacred period of reflection and prayer” for Muslims around the world. He said the holy month also represents “a noble vision of hope and peace,” urging the international community to embrace its enduring message during challenging global times.

However, he noted that for many people, the spirit of Ramadan remains overshadowed by hardship and conflict. “From Afghanistan to Yemen, from Gaza to Sudan and beyond, people are suffering the horrors of conflict, hunger, displacement, discrimination and more,” he said.

Amid what he described as “difficult and divided times,” the UN chief called on the global community to bridge divides, deliver assistance to those in need, and safeguard the rights and dignity of every person.

The Secretary-General also highlighted his annual tradition of paying a solidarity visit to a Muslim community and joining in the fast during Ramadan. He said each year he is inspired by the month’s spirit of peace and compassion.

Concluding his message, he expressed hope that Ramadan would inspire people everywhere to work together toward building “a more peaceful, generous and just world for all people.”

He ended his message with a greeting to Muslims worldwide:

“Ramadan Kareem.”