

**Ramadan Message By Her Excellency, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
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- Fellow Liberians:

More than fourteen centuries ago, Muslims believe that the Almighty Allah commanded Mohammed (SAW) that all adherents of the Islamic faith abstain from food, drink and selected other activities during the month of Ramadan to cleanse their souls and show obedience to God.

During this month, Muslims are required to show kindness and generosity to all human beings and other creatures. Every Muslim is specifically commanded to share with his/her neighbors whatever material wealth God has bestowed upon him/her.

This year, as always, Liberian Muslims joined other Muslims, the world over, to dutifully observe the Month of Ramadan, abstaining from food and drink during the day and fervently praying for the Nation.

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims are also called upon to avoid gossips and backbiting, among other social ills.

We note that Ramadan 2016 ends just few days after the UNMIL officially handed over national security responsibilities to our security forces.

Liberian Muslims and Liberian Christians, as well as all other groups within our Nation are equally, and fully responsible for the security, prosperity and reconciliation of our common patrimony.

This, fellow Liberians, is an opportunity, as well as a challenge, for us to resume our traditional role in Africa as a people at peace with themselves and at peace with their neighbors. Our neighbors and the world at large are watching us. We must not fail.

On behalf of the government, the people of Liberia and in my own name, I congratulate Our Muslim compatriots on the achievement of this milestone in their lives.

I urge all Muslims to join other Liberians to pray for peaceful co-existence and prosperity in our land for the sake of future generations.

Once again, I urge all Liberians to continue to pray for our country.

Thank you.