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On the occasion of the end of the annual Hajj pilgrimage, I would like to wish Muslims around the world a happy Eid al-Adha. For the nearly three million Muslims who performed the Hajj this year, including thousands of American Muslims, we wish you a safe journey home.

It is unique to witness so many people from all walks of life and hailing from every corner of the globe gathering together in reflection and prayer. As Muslims commemorate the story of Abraham and his son, they stand on Mount Arafat in deferential service to their creator.

The images of people embracing each other as brothers and sisters despite their differences is one that the State Department -- and indeed all of America -- shares. During my tenure in government service, I have worked hard to ensure that Muslims and people of all faiths both here and abroad are respected as equal partners in our endeavors to elevate humankind, and we in government will continue to do so.

On behalf of the State Department, I would like to wish Muslims around the world a happy Eid al-Adha celebration. Eid Mubarak.

Hillary Clinton
U.S. Secretary of State

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