

U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Richard G. Olson's
Remarks on the Occasion of Eid ul-Fitr

I wish to extend sincere Eid ul-Fitr greetings to the people of Pakistan on behalf of the people of the United States.

This is a special time for families and communities – in Pakistan, the United States, and around the world – to unite in devotion and reflection. This year, the power of such devotion has been indisputable, as the holy month was observed in intense summer heat. My colleagues and I have had the privilege of experiencing many Iftars with our Muslim friends and colleagues, and appreciate the hospitality shown to us.

Millions of Pakistanis have honored their faith by sharing generously with those less fortunate. Thousands of Pakistani's have spent Ramadan displaced from their homes, many without food or shelter. And the people of the United States are proud to join in the spirit of compassion by donating food to families in need, particularly to the displaced population from North Waziristan.

As Ramadan draws to an end, we wish you all a joyful and blessed holiday.

Eid Mubarak.