

**Embassy of India
Djibouti

PRESS RELEASE

HOSTING IFTAR DURING RAMADAN

Djibouti is celebrating the holy Ramadan like Muslims in India and around the world. Although these are times of Covid pandemic, nevertheless, the Mission joined with the Djiboutian people in the Ramadan festivities. The Mission decided to host Iftar and provide food at the famous and historical Hamoudi Mosque. Mr. Izzudin Sharafally, a prominent member of the Indian Diaspora also joined the initiative with the Mission.

2. The Mission in coordination with Mr. Izuddin Sharafally invited the following senior officials from different wings of the Government of Djibouti to the event:-

- (i) Mr Ahmed Alslala; and (ii) Mr Omar Madineh from Ministry of Muslim Affairs, Culture and Wakf Properties;
- (iii) Col Abdul Kader Gona from Djibouti Police ;
- (iv) Mr Gourad Chief of ONEAD;
- (v) Mr Dig Dig Mohamed Ali from Ministry of Interior
- (vi) Shalkh Ahmed Mohamed prominent Imam
- (vii) Mr Ilyas Imam of Masjid Hamoudi
- (viii) Mr. Izuddin Sharafally, Prominent PIO
- (ix) Mr Naguib of Multi Services, Prominent PIO



Hamoudi Mosque



Prominent Guests at Mosque dinning following social distancing norms



Embassy Officials at Mosque Prominent Guests & Officials joining Iftar

3. The guests expressed their appreciation of the gesture by the Embassy of India to join Ramadan festivities. Mr Ilyas Imam of Masjid Hamoudi received the Iftar food packets from the Mission officials and distributed to the assembled people. Mr Ilyas Imam of Masjid Hamoudi offered prayer for the good health and well being of the people of India and Djibouti this difficult times of Covid pandemic. The Imam thanked the Embassy and Indian diplomats for gesture of kindness and solidarity with Djibouti and its people.

Place: Djibouti

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