

Glossary of Islamic/Arabic Terminology

Term	“Definition” followed by meaning
Abu Bakr	First successor of Holy Prophet Muhammad
Azaan	The call to prayer recited aloud prior to the five daily prayers
Al Wasiyyat	“The Will”, title of book written by the Promised Messiah in 1905, and name of scheme launched at the same time in which people dedicate a portion of their property/income to Community
Al-hamdu lillah	“All praise belongs to Allah” (expression of gratitude to Allah)
Alayhis-salaam	“Peace be on him”, said after the name of a past prophet (except Muhammad; see “Sallallahu...”
Ali	Fourth successor of the Holy Prophet Muhammad
Allah	“The One God”, name of the One God according to the Holy Qur’an, followed by reverent titles like “Ta’la”, the High.
Allahu Akbar	“Allah is the Greatest”, said at the beginning of prayer and at each change of position, except when returning from bowing to standing (see <i>Sami Allahu li-men hamida</i>)
Ameer	“Governor”, refers to national president of a chapter
Ansar	“Helpers”, refers to the people of Madina who helped the <i>Muhaajireen</i> from Makkah, refers to Ahmadi men over 40 years of age
As-salaamu ‘alaykum	“Peace be upon you” (Greeting)
As-salaamu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu	“Peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings” (Longer greeting)
Ayah	“Sign”, also means “verse” in the Holy Qur’an
Ayyudah hullahu bi- nasrihil aziz	A prayer offered after the name of the present leader of the Muslim Community (i.e., Khalifa of the time), translated loosely as, May Allah be his helper
Bai’at (also <i>Bai’ah</i>)	“Sale”, refers to act of accepting the Promised Messiah, or conversion (Bai’at in Pakistani dialect)
Chanda	“Subscription”, refers to financial dues of the Community (some obligatory, others voluntary)
Chanda Jalsa Salana	“Annual Convention Subscription”, refers to monthly dues set at 1/120 th of monthly income for funding annual convention (obligatory on earning members)
Chanda-e-aam	“General Subscription”, refers to monthly dues set at 1/16 th or 6.25% of monthly income, net of taxes and mandatory insurance (obligatory on earning members)
Da’wah	“Invitation”, another term for <i>Tabligh</i>
Deen	“Religion”, generic reference to Islam
Du’a	“Prayer”, refers to prayers aside from <i>Salah</i> , such as silent prayers offered with raised hands
Eid	“Celebration”, name of the annual two Islamic holidays

Eid-ul Adha	"Celebration of Sacrifice", Islamic holy day coming roughly two months after <i>Eid-ul Fitr</i> , celebrating Prophet Abraham's readiness to sacrifice his son, <i>Ishmael</i>
Eid-ul Fitr	"Eid of Breaking the Fast", Islamic holy day immediately following the month of <i>Ramadhan</i>
Hazrat	"His Presence" (adj.), title of eminence and endearment ahead of a holy <u>personage's name</u>
Huzoor	"His Presence" (n.), term of endearment referring to a prophet or his successor
Ijtema	"Gathering", refers to MKA annual camps at local, regional and national levels
Imam	"Leader"
Imam Mahdi	"Guided Leader"
Iman (ee-maan)	"Belief", refers to faith
InshaAllah	"God-willing" (said after any future plans)
Iqamah	See " <i>Takbeer</i> "
Jalsa	"Convention"
Jalsa Salana	"Annual Convention"
Jama'at (also <i>Jama'ah</i>)	"Community", refers to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (Pakistani dialect: <i>Jamaat</i>)
Janazah	Funeral
JazakAllah ahsanal jaza	"May Allah reward you the best reward"
JazakAllahu khayra	"May Allah grant you a good reward" (expression of gratitude to replace "thanks")
Jihad	"Struggle"; there are categories of Jihad, the highest being "Jihad-e- Akbar", the struggle against one's soul
Kafir	"Disbeliever", refers to those who reject or deny the religion of Islam
Kalima Shahada	".." refers to professing faith in One God and His messenger
Khadim	"Servant", refers to Ahmadi males, 15-40 years of age
Khalifa	"Successor", refers to a holy person who leads a believing community after a prophet's death
Khalifatul Masih	"Successor of the Promised Messiah"
Khalifatul Masih al Awwal	"The First Successor of the Messiah", Hakim Nuruddin
Khalifatul Masih al Khamis	"The Fifth Successor of the Messiah", Mirza Masroor Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih al Raabi'	"The Fourth Successor of the Messiah", Mirza Tahir Ahmad (son of second successor)
Khalifatul Masih ath Thaalith	"The Third Successor of the Messiah", Mirza Nasir Ahmad (son of second successor)
Khalifatul Masih ath Thaani	"The Second Successor of the Messiah", Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad (son of Promised Messiah)
Khidmat-e-Khalq	"Community Service", MKA's service arm
Khilafat (also <i>Khilafah</i>)	"Succession", refers to the institution of successorship following prophets (P/D: <i>Khilafat</i>)
Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya	"Ahmadiyya Successorship", refers to successors of the Promised Messiah
Khuda Haafiz	"God [be your] Protector" (Urdu/Farsi expression for 'goodbye')
Khuddam	"Servants" (pl.) See <i>Khadim</i>

Khulafa-e-Rashideen	"Rightly Guided Successors", refers to first four successors of the Holy Prophet Muhammad
Lajna Ima'illah	"Association of Maid servants of Allah", refers to the women's auxiliary of the Community (Laina for short)
Maa shaa Allah	"That which Allah wills!" (expression of gratitude to Allah for anything good you come across by someone else; e.g., "My friend passed his exam, maa shaa Allah!")
Majlis Ansarullah Ahmadiyya	"Ahmadiyya Association of the Helpers of Allah", title of men's auxiliary of 40-year-olds and higher (Ansar for short)
Markaz	"Center", refers to headquarters of the Community
Masih-e-Ma'ud	"Promised Messiah"
Maulana	"Our protector", a title of respect for a missionary
Mohtamim	"Director", refers to national MKA secretaries, reporting to Sadr MKA (Pl. Mohtamimeen)
Muazzin	The person who performs the <i>Adhaan</i>
Murabbi	"One who provides", a title of respect for a missionary
Mus-haf	A copy of the Holy Qur'an
Namaaz	Urdu term for <i>salah</i>
Nasir	"Helper" (Pl. <i>Ansar</i>)
Nazim	"Administrator", refers to local and regional secretaries that report to <i>Qaid</i> (Pl. Nazimeen)
Nazm	Urdu word meaning "poem"
Nizam-e-Jama'at	"The Community's administration", refers to the institutions which carry out Community's missions, foremost the institution of Khilafah
Qaid	"Leader", refers to local and regional heads of MKA (Pl. Qaideen)
Qur'an	Islam's scripture, revealed to Prophet Muhammad over 23 years
Razi Allahu 'anhu	"May Allah be pleased with him", said after the name of a companion of a prophet, such as Hazrat Abu Bakr or Hazrat Nooruddin, often abbreviated as "ra"
Ramadhan	The name of a month on the Islamic calendar, also the month of fasting
Rasul Allah	"Messenger of Allah", refers most often to Prophet Muhammad
Rasul-e- + Karim, Akram, etc.	"Noble Messenger", "Noblest Messenger", etc. reverent titles for Prophet Muhammad
Sadr	"President", refers to MKA national president
Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya	"Executive Ahmadiyya Committee", international governing board, reports to Khalifa
Salah, Salat	"Prayer", refers to formal daily prayers. (Also pronounced Salat in Pakistani dialect.)
Sallallahu 'alayhi wa-sallam	"Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him", said after the name of the Founder of Islam, Muhammad (often abbreviated in text as "sa" or "pbuh")
SamiAllahu li-men hamida	"Allah listens to him who praises [Him]", recited in Salah from returning from bowing to the standing position
Saum	"Fasting", a pillar of Islam
Ta'leem	"Education", secular and spiritual training of Ahmadi Muslims falls to this department
Tabligh	"Conveying a message", propagation of Islam
Tajneed	Census and membership information for the Community

Takbeer	Refers to the invocation "Allahu Akbar", said at beginning of prayer, and to the shorter version of the
Taqwa	"Piety" or "Righteousness"
Tarbiyyat (also <i>Tarbiyyah</i>)	"Training", the moral training of Ahmadi Muslims falls to this department (P/D: Tarbiyyat)
Tehrik-e-Jadeed	"New initiative", refers to a scheme launched by Second Khalifa in 1933 to support Community's propagation efforts
Tilawat (also <i>Tilawah</i>)	"Recitation", referring to the Qur'an
Umar	Second successor of the Holy Prophet Muhammad
Uthman	Third successor of the Holy Prophet Muhammad
Wa 'alaykum as-salaam	"And upon you be peace" (Reply to <i>As-salaamu 'alaykum</i>)
Waqar-e-Amal	"Dignity of Labor", MKA's volunteer labor arm
Waqf-e-Jadeed	"New Devotee", refers to scheme launched to support new converts in poor parts of the world
Waqf-e-Nau	"Young Devotee", refers to a child dedicated to God before his/her birth
Wuzu	Ablution, ritual cleaning with water (or pure dirt in its stead) prior to <i>Salah</i>
Zakat (also <i>Zakah</i>)	"Alms-giving", a pillar of Islam (also pronounced Zakat in Pakistani dialect)