



**EID GREETINGS**

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## PILGRIMS THROG ARAFAT AS HAJJ REACHES CLIMAX

FAITHFUL PRAY FOR PEACE ON MOUNT MERCY

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**Max** 44°  
**High Tide** 06:55 & 21:30  
**Low Tide** 01:00 & 14:20

### SISI PARDONS TWO JAZEERA JOURNOS

**CAIRO:** Egypt's president yesterday pardoned Al-Jazeera's jailed Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy and his colleague Baher Mohamed, who were sentenced last month to three years in prison, the presidency said. A spokesman for President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, Alaa Youssef, told AFP the Al-Jazeera journalists were among a group of inmates pardoned, as state news agency MENA said the pardon covered 100 prisoners, including women activists Sana Seif and Yara Sallam.

Fahmy and Mohamed were sentenced in a retrial to three years in August for allegedly fabricating "false" news in support of the blacklisted Muslim Brotherhood movement, which the army removed from power in 2013 and outlawed. Australian reporter Peter Grete was also convicted, although he had been deported by presidential decree. It was not immediately clear if he was included in the pardon. Their detention and trial sparked global criticism towards Sisi, who has said he wished the journalists had been deported from the outset rather than put on trial.

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MAKKAH: A pilgrim reads the Holy Quran on a rocky hill called Mount Mercy on the plain of Arafat near this holy city yesterday. — AP

**MOUNT ARAFAT:** Around two million white-clad Muslims yesterday poured into the vast Saudi plain where Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) gave his final sermon, for the peak of the hajj pilgrimage. Many of the faithful from around the globe camped at the foot of Mount Arafat where they slept, exhausted from their journey, and prayed despite the scorching sun. Carrying colorful umbrellas, they walked from dawn in massive crowds towards the slippery, rocky hill which is also known as Mount Mercy.

Here Muhammad (PBUH) gave his final sermon 14 centuries ago after leading his followers on hajj. To organize the flow of pilgrims, security forces formed human chains along the roads of the vast Arafat plain. Along the way, volunteers handed out boxes of food and cold water bottles. For many pilgrims, hajj is the spiritual highlight of their lives. "We feel blessed. I got goosebumps, a feeling that cannot be explained, when reaching the top of the mountain," said Ruhaima Emma, a 26-year-old Filipina pilgrim, who said she has been "praying for a good life for everyone". For Akram Ghannam, 45, from war-torn Syria, being in Arafat is a "feeling that cannot be described. I pray to God for the victory of all those who are oppressed."

Many reached Arafat by bus while some walked from the holy city of Makkah about 15 km away. Other pilgrims arrived from nearby Mina using the elevated Mashair Railway linking the holy sites of Arafat, Muzdalifah and Mina, a tent city where many pilgrims spent Tuesday night. After sunset yesterday they moved to Muzdalifah.

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