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Her Majesty the Queen honours Mawlana Hazar Imam

Windsor, 7th March 2018 - Her Majesty the Queen this evening hosted a dinner at Windsor Castle for Mawlana Hazar Imam in honour of his Diamond Jubilee, at which The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, The Duke of York, The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence were present.

Mawlana Hazar Imam was accompanied by members of his family; Prince Amyn, Princess Zahra, Prince Rahim, Princess Salwa, Prince Hussain and Prince Aly Muhammad.

The event acknowledged historic linkages between the Ismaili Imamat and the British Monarchy and longstanding connections between the Ismaili Community, the institutions of the Aga Khan Development Network and the United Kingdom.

Mawlana Hazar Imam was bestowed the title "His Highness" by Her Majesty the Queen in 1957 the year of his accession as hereditary leader of the Shi’a Ismaili Muslims, and was appointed Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 2004.

“The Noorani family and Royal family have played an important part in the history of our Jamat who have now settled for almost three generations in the UK and Europe. The guidance and institutions of our beloved Imam, together with the support of British institutions, have enabled us, the Ismaili Community, not only to prosper, but also to raise families that now actively contribute to the wider society. Our collective gratitude for this opportunity to give back to our countries of residence, and indeed the Commonwealth, can not be understated,” said President Liakat Hasham following the dinner.

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