



MEDIA STATEMENT

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A SPECIAL COLLECTION IN AID OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN SOMALIA

All mosques in Singapore will be mounting a special collection on behalf of the Rahmatan Lil Alamin (Blessings-To-All) Foundation in aid of the humanitarian relief efforts in famine stricken Somalia. Hundreds of thousands of Somalis have been displaced and millions continue to depend on humanitarian assistance for their very existence due to severe drought that had hit the country.

2 Although famine was officially declared a few weeks ago in Somalia, not much assistance had reached the affected people due to the inaccessibility and hazardous situation of the region made worse by the continued armed conflict in the country. As the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is working closely with the Somali Red Crescent Society in delivering relief efforts there, the Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation (RLAF) will channel the funds collected through the Singapore Red Cross.

The ICRC focuses its efforts on the ground in Somalia in setting up makeshift homes for the displaced people, delivering relief goods and food rations to the most needy and providing health-care.

3. The special **collection will commence this Friday, 9 Sept up to 15 Sept 2011**. Members of the public wishing to make contributions can do so in the following ways:

3.1 **Donation boxes** will be placed at all 69 mosques starting Friday, 9 to Thursday, 15 Sept. 2011. The boxes will be marked “**Singapore Muslim Community’s Contribution to the Humanitarian Relief Efforts in Somalia**”.

3.2 **Cash donations** can also be made at the Muis building at Singapore Islamic Hub, 273 Braddell Road, Singapore 579702. **Cheque donations** should be made payable to “**RLAF**” with words “**Humanitarian Relief Efforts in Somalia**” written on its back.

3.3 **Online donations** can also be made via the Muis Website at <https://www.muis.gov.sg/epayment/Donations.aspx>

4. For further clarification, you may also contact Ms Hazrina at 6769-0770 or call Muis at 6359 1199 during office hours.

5. In the meantime, the Singapore Muslim community prays that the people and the communities affected by this tragic famine will be given the strength and resilience to face these adversities.

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