Birthday of ‘Alī ibn Abī Tālib

Islam

Imam Ali, also known as Hazrat Ali, [peace be unto him] was the son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad [peace be unto him] and is an important historical figure in Islam. His birthday is celebrated by all Muslims, but it is especially significant to the Shiite community who regard him as their first Imam. Ali’s birthday is a public holiday in Iran as well as the Uttar Pradesh region of India. Muslims celebrate with decorated mosques, prayer, and gatherings of friends and family for meals.

Date
- The birthday of ‘Alī ibn Abī Tālib is the 13th Day of Rajab on the Islamic Calendar and can vary from year to year on the Gregorian (Western) calendar.
- Check the Calendar Index for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

Greetings
Wishing followers a “Happy Hazrat Ali’s birthday” would be welcome.

Common Practices and Celebrations
- Muslim communities will come together to decorate mosques, share Hazrat Ali’s stories, and share in large meals.

Common Dietary Restrictions
- Vegetarian meals prepared without alcohol meet halal standards.

Impact to U-M Community
- Muslim colleagues and students may request to take the day off to celebrate with friends and family.
- Link to U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts.

U-M Campus Resources
- Maize Pages - Muslim, U-M
- Association of Religious Counselors, U-M

Information Sources
- Office Holidays

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