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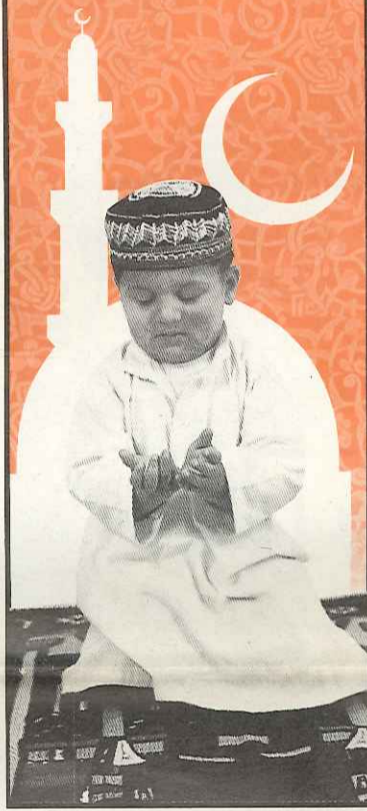
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Once again we await the arrival of the best of guests into our homes. A guest carrying gifts, his hands full of reward, blessings and forgiveness for those wishing to take full advantage of this golden opportunity. Intrigued as to who this guest is? This guest is the holy month of Ramadan. Yes, it is the best guest, containing the best days and the best moments of our life. Millions of Muslims around the world take full advantage of its presence, whilst remembering those less fortunate through the giving of Zakat, Zakatul Fitra or Fitrana donations and feeding the needy. At Islamic Relief, we also try to take benefit of the season and the overwhelming response of our supporters and donors by increasing the number of projects, and expanding our programs to cover a wider geographical

area, reaching more beneficiaries. Every year, the month of Ramadan comes as a training session for all of us in renewing our faith and worship of Allah by fasting, praying and in giving. This act of worship brings with it many benefits not just for the month itself, but for the rest of the year; a time to give and to continue giving, a time to remember the needy and to continue remembering them for the rest of the year, not only remembering them but feeling and living their needs and problems with them. The act of refraining from food and drink during the days of Ramadan serves as the best reminder for us in remembering those who fast not just during Ramadan but throughout the year; not through choice, but forced to as a result of continuous suffering that goes unreported in the mass media.

On behalf of the less fortunate, our staff and our volunteers, we wish everyone the blessings of Ramadan and a Happy Eid Mubarak.



Emergency in Chechnya

Islamic Relief to send £1m of Aid

Following the needs assessment mission to Ingushetia, carried out by Dr Hany El Banna (Islamic Relief's Managing Director) and Mohammed Allaa (Manager of the Nalchick Islamic Relief office), Islamic Relief has launched a £1m Chechnya Crises Appeal. The aim is to be able to initially meet the basic needs of upto 4,000 refugee families. The Chechnya Refugee project will provide much needed assistance through five activities: 1. Food Packet distribution. 2. Non food items distribution. 3. Blanket Provision 4. Emergency Medical Aid from 4 Mobile Clinics. 5. Clean water Provision. The scale of the problem is revealed by the refugee statistics gathered by our needs assessment team when they visited seven refugee camps in Ingushetia. The enormity of the crisis cannot be underestimated. Islamic Relief is confident that its donors will continue to support its effort to relieve the Chechens of their suffering.



The Sputnik camp in Ingushetia, near the Chechen border, has 3,600 refugees accommodated in only 250 tents. Dr Hany El Banna, Managing Director of Islamic Relief, who visited Chechnya in October 1999 to gather first hand information about the war situation, is seen amongst some of the refugees

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Tent City for Turkey earthquake victims



Mosab Aydin, Islamic Relief's manager in Germany, is with a family in Adapzari, one of the worst hit earthquake areas. Tents and emergency items such as food packets and blankets are supplied to the victims

The media spotlight may have left the Turkish earthquake victims but for relief agencies such as Islamic Relief, the work is only just beginning. Thousands of people remain homeless despite the efforts of the international NGO

community. Since the massive earthquake hit on August 17th, Islamic Relief has been striving to establish a shelter programme and to implement the distribution of emergency supplies.

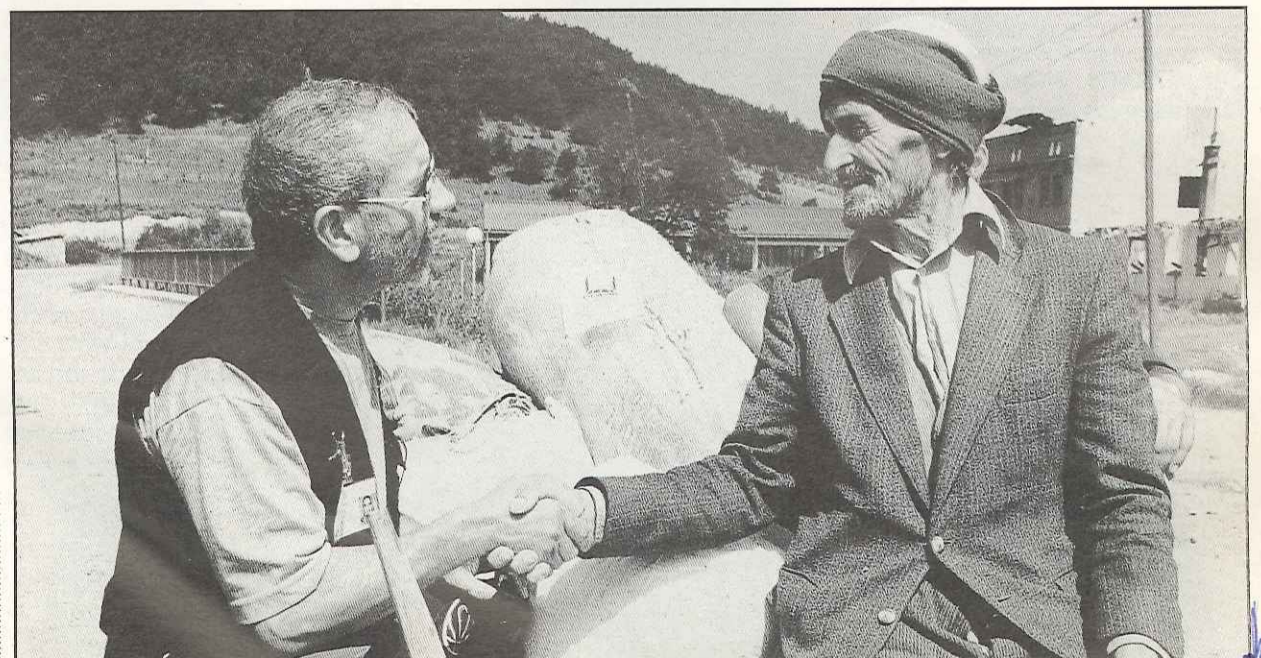
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Shelter for returning Kosovar refugees

Hundreds of thousands of Kosovar refugees have poured back into Kosova to find that their homes have been badly damaged or destroyed. The priority now is to provide short to medium-term shelter for those returning refugees. Islamic Relief, one of the first NGO's to enter

Kosova after the war ended, has already begun its distribution of shelter kits. The urgent need to provide shelter becomes greater by the day as the severe Balkan winter begins to set in.

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On returning to Kosova, a refugee is greeted by Islamic Relief worker Mustapha Dali