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VISIT TO KENYA BY HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE RAHIM AGA KHAN V

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On 25th August 2025 High Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V made an official visit to Kenya at the invitation of H.E. Dr. William Ruto, C.G.H, President of the Republic of Kenya. This is the first official visit to Kenya by HH Prince Rahim Aga Khan V, since he assumed the position as the 50th Hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims on 4th February 2025, and also as the Chair of the Aga Khan Development Network.

The purpose of the official visit is the investiture of the Kenya's highest Presidential civil honour of Chief of the Order of the Golden Heart (C.G.H) on His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V by the H.E. the President of Kenya at the State House on 26th August 2025. There will also be bilateral discussions on deepening of cooperation between the Government of Kenya and the Ismaili Imamat. This will further strengthen the work of the Aga Khan Development Network which has numerous investments and charity institutions in Kenya ranging from education institutions to healthcare facilities, financial institutions, and hospitality sector.

During the occasion, there will be the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Kenya and the Ismailia Imamat for provision of the framework for recognition of the Ismaili Imamat as the legal entity , representing the Office of the Imam of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims established in accordance with the applicable customary law of hereditary succession of the Shia Ismaili Imams, with the capacity in international relations to engage with the Government of the Republic of Kenya.

There will also the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Kenya and the Ismaili Imamat on General Cooperation which will provide the framework for bilateral cooperation in environmental conservation, urban rehabilitation and cultural heritage preservation.

His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V is accompanied by his sister Princess Zahra Aga Khan, a member of the AKDN Board of Directors.

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