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To all believers in the United Kingdom

Dearly loved Friends,

As this Bahá'í year draws to a close we are pleased to provide you with information concerning the significant dates in the Bahá'í calendar until Naw-Rúz 175 B.E, in 2018.

Ayyám-i-Há this year runs from 25-28 February 2017. The fasting month begins immediately after Ayyám-i-Há, at sunset on 28 February 2017, and ends at Naw-Rúz 174 B.E. The Holy Days for next year are stated below, with commemoration times added where relevant, which have been adjusted to accommodate British summer time.

Holy Days on which work is suspended:

- Naw-Rúz on 20 March 2017 (1 Bahá)
- First Day of Riḍván on 20 April 2017 (13 Jalál), at about 4 p.m.
- Ninth Day of Riḍván on 28 April 2017 (2 Jamál)
- Twelfth Day of Riḍván on 1 May 2017 (5 Jamál)
- Declaration of the Báb on 23 May 2017 (8 'Azamat), which is commemorated at about two hours after sunset on 22 May
- Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh on 28 May 2017 (13 'Azamat), at 4 a.m.
- Martyrdom of the Báb on 9 July 2017 (17 Raḥmat), at about 1 p.m.
- Birth of the Báb on 21 October 2017 (7 'Ilm)
- Birth of Bahá'u'lláh on 22 October 2017 (8 'Ilm)

Holy Days on which work is not suspended:

- Day of the Covenant on 25 November 2017 (4 Qawl)
- Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá on 27 November 2017 (6 Qawl), at 1 a.m.

The commemoration times listed above should be observed, if feasible. Where no times are specified, the believers are free to gather at any time during the day which they find convenient.

The Feast days, ideally celebrated on the first day of the month, correspond with the following dates:

Bahá (Splendour)	—	20 March 2017
Jalál (Glory)	—	8 April 2017
Jamál (Beauty)	—	27 April 2017
‘Azamat (Grandeur)	—	16 May 2017
Núr (Light)	—	4 June 2017
Rahmat (Mercy)	—	23 June 2017
Kalimát (Words)	—	12 July 2017
Kamál (Perfection)	—	31 July 2017
Asmá’ (Names)	—	19 August 2017
‘Izzat (Might)	—	7 September 2017
Mashíyyat (Will)	—	26 September 2017
‘Ilm (Knowledge)	—	15 October 2017
Qudrat (Power)	—	3 November 2017
Qawl (Speech)	—	22 November 2017
Masá’il (Questions)	—	11 December 2017
<u>Sharaf</u> (Honour)	—	30 December 2017
Sultán (Sovereignty)	—	18 January 2018
Mulk (Dominion)	—	6 February 2018
Ayyám-i-Há	—	25 February – 1 March 2018
‘Alá’ (Loftiness)	—	2 March 2018

As always, the Bahá’í day runs from sunset till sunset. Thus every day listed above begins from the time of sunset on the evening prior to the Gregorian date that is stated.

We hope the above information may be of assistance to you.

With loving Bahá’í greetings,



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Secretary

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