

Russia's Muslims Celebrate Eid al-Adha Holiday in Central Moscow, in Photos

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Russia's Muslims celebrated the religious holiday of Kurban Bayram, or Eid al-Adha, on Tuesday. Tens of thousands of worshippers congregated at Moscow's Cathedral Mosque for prayers on the "Festival of Sacrifice," which celebrates the willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son on a command from God.

Russian President Vladimir Putin released a statement congratulating Muslims on the holiday.

"Kurban Bayram promotes kindness and justice, mercy and piety, and a careful and warm-hearted attitude towards others," Putin [said](#).

"It is important that the true values of Islam continue to serve as the foundation of the spiritual life of the Russian Muslim community," he added.

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