



## Wembley Stadium Hosts Ramadan Tent Project's Virtual Open Iftar In Partnership with The Football Association

- \*Live adhan (call to prayer) held at Wembley Stadium
- \*Keynote speakers include former professional footballer Frédéric Oumar Kanouté
- \*Virtual Open Iftar 2021; the largest digital Ramadan event in the UK

Open Iftar, the UK's largest community and cultural event in Ramadan hosts an exclusive Virtual Open Iftar at Wembley Stadium this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

In partnership with The Football Association, guests from all faiths and none can tune in and participate in a football inspired iftar. The virtual iftar will include a live call to prayer (athaan) at Wembley Stadium, the first of its kind at the home football and England's national stadium. Guest speakers include former professional footballer Frédéric Oumar Kanouté and Yashmin Harun BEM Founder & Chair Muslimah Sports Association.

This event comes days after a historic virtual iftar was held in partnership with QPR FC, the first live call to prayer made inside a football stadium in England can be viewed [here](#). Virtual Open Iftar is an opportunity for millions of people to share the Ramadan spirit with communities across the world, whilst observing from their homes. Guests can join the event on zoom and watch live on Ramadan Tent Project and Islam Channel's YouTube and Facebook livestreams.

**Dal Darroch, The FA's Head of Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Programmes, said:** "The FA is committed to playing a lead role in actively enhancing diversity and inclusion across football, and our partnership with Ramadan Tent Project is testament to that. We are proud and delighted to host a virtual iftar at Wembley Stadium and to broadcast the live call to prayer for the second time running. In April, The FA published [guidance](#) to support participants and employees across the footballing community during the holy month of Ramadan. Our shared values aim to break down barriers and celebrate our differences regardless of background and faith, and it is a privilege to bring football and faith together in this way during the blessed month of Ramadan."

**Omar Salha, Founder and CEO of Ramadan Tent Project said;** "Despite not being able to deliver our flagship Open Iftar at Wembley Stadium this year, we are honoured and incredibly excited to partner with The Football Association and host this uplifting and unique event. Our series of virtual iftars enables communities to share Ramadan experiences with each other, reflect on the blessings of the holy month, build bridges and achieve a sense of belonging. Images of elite football players breaking their fast during competitive matches, facilitated by club staff and match officials, and the outpouring of support from fans across social media and national press was a poignant moment in British sporting history. Football and Ramadan have the power to bring fans together, build bridges, and create better understanding between our rich diverse communities and we are delighted to be part of this historic occasion in sharing the beautiful spirit of Ramadan with the nation's beautiful game."

Sign up and join our virtual Ramadan events at [www.ramadantentproject.com](http://www.ramadantentproject.com)

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**About Ramadan Tent Project**

Ramadan Tent Project (RTP) is a non-profit organisation founded in 2013 with a mission of bringing communities together to better understand each other, and the organisers of the UK's largest community and cultural event in Ramadan, Open Iftar.