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00:14 Speaker 2: Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar. Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar. Ash-hadu alla ilaha illallah. Ash-hadu alla ilaha illallah. Ash-hadu anna Muhammadar Rasulullah. Ash hadu anna Muhammadar Rasulullah. Hayya alas salah. Hayya alas salah. Hayya alal falah. Hayya alal falah. Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar. La ilaha illallah.

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