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THE COVER

The picture on the Cover is that of "the Mother of Minarets of the North African Islamic world".

This is the minaret of the Qairawan Mosque in Tunisia. The mosque was built by a companion of the Prophet Muhammad, 'Uqbah Ibn Nafi', in the year 43 A.H. — 668 C.E., but the minaret was not built till the year 150 A.H. — 767 C.E. This minaret is amongst the most beautiful works of Islamic art to be found in North Africa. The minaret is of a square shape and has three storeys. Its design was copied in all Arab North Africa. The style is simple and plain and is in striking contrast with the style followed in Asia.

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The scene shows the soft clear notes of *sonas* sounding from the minaret of a mosque early in the morning at Ining Municipality, the Uighur Autonomous Region of Sinkiang, heralding the advent of the joyous 'Id al-Adha (Corban) Festival.

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