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(If there is heaven on Earth, it's here, it's here....)

**Shukran!**

**Jazak-Allah Khair!**

**Thank You!**

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