

Saudis Don't Accept Hilal Sighting Claims Blindly

The Opponents of Haramain Sharifain's Shariah Hilal Dates who continually spew doubts about the authenticity of Saudi Rasmi Hilal Decisions suffered a serious blow recently when they noticed that Saudi Hilal Decisions are made only after receiving sighting claims from reliable witnesses, and judged strictly in light of Shariah rule. These people advertise falsehood against Saudi Muslims who give sighting testimonies, and Saudi Supreme Court's Chief Justice's ruling by suggesting that

1. the same two people from Saqrah and Sudair claim to have seen hilal every time when no body else see it
2. these two regular calimants of hilal ghting are on pay role of Saudi Government
3. the Chief Justice of Supreme court saccepts sighting testimony blindli, and without thorough investigation or scrutiny (Jarah)
4. they make Hilal decisions without following the Shariah rule for accepting the testimony

They use such accusations and balsphemy to brainwash people that Saudi Hilal Decisions are wrong. They have manipulated their Criteria in such a way that they can openly reject Saudi sighting decisions on the basis of 'EXTERNAL EVIDENCE' which in practice means 'visibility predictions based on Observatory calculations'. On page 19 of BMSC's CRITERIA it SAYS ... '8. The testimony of a witness deemed unacceptable through external evidence can be rejected. Similarly the testimony of a fasiq (transgressor) can be accepted if validated by an external evidence'.

This means that no matter how pious, honest, and reliable a witness is, his testimony is rejected if it is not backed by the calculated vsibility predictions. On the other hand, no matter how big a sinner, liar, and intoxicated (fasiq) a witness is, if he claims to have seen the Hilal, they will accept it just because it is backed by the Observatory predictions. That is why they say that Saudi (strict Shariah ruling country's) Hilal Decision will only be accepted if it is backed by testimony from another area (Shariah rule or kuffar rule). Indeed, the Birmingham's testimony from 3 pious Muslims were rejected just because it was against the calculated prediction – their external evidence. Yet the same Birmingham Testimony was certified as VALID and enforceable by many very senior Muftis of different countries.

Once again Allah proved the opponents of Haramain Hilal Dates to be wrong: Two witnesses claimed to have sighted Hilal for Ramadhan 1433, but after strict scrutiny by highly qualified Fuqaha of Saudi Arabia, their claim was rejected, and Ramadhan started a day later. Dr. Odeh of ICOP confirmed this by writing - *'There were two persons who claimed sighting the crescent in Saudi on Friday....However, the Supreme Court had rejected their claim'*. And then, one person claimed to have seen Hilal for Zul Hijjah 1433, but in keeping with the Shariah Rule, and for lacking the necessary two witnesses, his claim was not accepted by learned Jurists of Saudi Arabia.

These two incidents show that, contrary to what the Anti-Saudi elements make people believe, every Hilal sighting claim in Saudi Arabia is thoroughly investigated and scrutinised in light of Shariah rule and Sunnah



practice of our Prophet s.a.w, before reaching the final decision. The Chief Justice of Saudi Supreme Court are very highly qualified in Shariah Law than any of the 'Observatory Mufti' of UK. They know much better when to accept the testimony and when to reject it. These examples have shown that they would reject dubious claims if deemed necessary in laight of Shariah Law.

The so called 'Observatory Ulama and Muftis' have created such a deep seated doubt in minds of innocent Muslims that now some people believe that the Saudi witnesses are false because they are not in keeping with the Observatory calculations and visibility charts. This is what one of them who blindly follow these Ulama wrote - *'the sad fact is that these two individuals are on the payrole.*

These 'Observatory Muftis' believe that Hilal decisions from South Africa are more reliable than from Saudi Arabia because they always conform to calculated visibility predictions. By forwarding South Africa as most genuine Hilal sighting country, these Ulama have created a sense of hatred against our true Ulama and our Darul Ulooms in UK. One of their follower wrote - *'South Africa don't have the same Mafia Madrassa attitude.* They think our Madaaris have mafia attitude.

The self made 'Mufti' of ICUK, thinks that all Saudi Hilal sighters are liars. But even he was surprised and wrote – *'Note that the usual persons from near Riyadh (Shaqrah & Sudair) did not come forward with any claimed sighting because it was cloudy'.* He expected them to make false claims of Hilal sighting for Zil Haj this year. But the fact that they did not make a sighting claim shows that they don't make false claims. They testify Hilal sighting when and only if they actually see the Hilal.

This 'Observatory Mufti' untill now advised people to rely on Moon-sighting.com's visibility charts against Saudi hilal Decisions. But now the Moonsighting.com's scientist has esatblished that Saudis can see the Hilal even before sunset. This disclosure made the 'Observatory Mufti' so bitter in his anti-Saudi feelings that now he is telling - *'my advise to all our UK Muslims is not to consider any information on www.moonsighting.com as reliable any further'.* His character crushing habit goes further when he writes - *'Now he (Khaled Shaukat) is gone one step further to accept sighting claims BEFORE sunset. Next, he may promote daytime CCD imaging (i.e. before sunset) or calculation of New Moon Conjuction (Mahaq) to start the month!'.* Khaled Shaukat has not 'accepted' any 'sighting claims before sunset' and he has definitely not accepted CCD imaging to start the month. But the 'Observatory Mufti' does not hesitate from making accusation and slander in order to brainwash people against him because of his new research suggesting thyat Saudi sighting claims are genuine.

Dr. K. Shaukat; His only fault is that he made calculations for Moon sighting probabilities in Saudi deserts, and admitted that they are different from the visibility chances in cities. He concluded that Saudis can see the Hilal even before Sunset. But for ICUK 'Mufti' it was very painful to swallow this fact. So he now prevents people from relying on Khalid Shaukat's Moonsighting.com's charts. For many years the 'anti-Saudi' lobby have been using Dr. Khaled's Moonsighting.com visibility charts. Now they use Dr. Odeh's calculations and charts. But Mr. Odeh is very clear and humble in his approach to Hilal sighting.

Mufti Taqi Usmani HA ; This is not a surprise: this 'anti-Saudi Mufti' does not hesitate from criticising the world renowned highly learned **Mufti Taqi Usmani HA** just because he established (after making public inquiry at the International Hilal Conference at Rabetah in Makkah this year) that Saudi Hilal Decisions are fully compliant to Shariah Law.

Dr. Odeh ; He admits openly when he writes - *'We in ICOP do not represent a religious authority, and we*





don't issue Fatwas or decision about which method should be adopted to start the month.... We in **ICOP** **have no position in religious issues!** These should be determined by **Foqaha (scholars)** and we **are not Foqaha!** '

We must accept that the Hilal Decision made in Saudi Arabia are in complete conformity to the holy Shariah Law, and that is why ALL SCHOLARS AND JURISTS of the world accepts their validity for ibadaat like Fasting and Hajj. We also know that the Chief Justices and Fuqahaa of Saudi Arabia will not be influenced by Calculations and visibilty predictions in keeping with the clearcut order of our Prophet s.a.w. in Hadith Ummi. They scrutinise and investigate testimony from witnesses in light of Shariah and not in light of calculated visibilty predictions. They know better when to accept a testimony and when not to.

It is clear that the UK's anti-Saudi propaganda machine powered by shaitan will continue to operate to divide the Muslims. But as newer evidence for authenticity of Saudi Hilal Decisions is surfacing, more and more Muslims are now re-joining the vast majority of honest and respectful highly learned Scholars and Jurists of all Darul Ulooms, and Marakiz of this country, and are united in following the true Haramain Hilal Dates as announced by the Central Moon Sighting Committee of Britain.

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