



## The Moon Sighting Claims from the Haramain Sharifain`s land of Saudi Arabia Are Correct

For nearly a decade, people who are opposed to Saudi Moon Sighting Decisions have been trying to brainwash general public against the accuracy and Shariah compliance of Saudi Hilal Decisions. They have used different questions, excuses, blames, accusations and slanders against the very pious and highly learned Fuqaha and Judges of Shariah Courts of Saudi Arabia. The so called modern and astronomic 'Muftis and Ulama' who have joined together in instilling doubts in the minds of people about the validity of Ibadan according to Saudi Sharai Moon Decisions, by using Islamic labels, have fixed idea in their minds. That fixed idea is – Saudi Moon Sighting claims are wrong because they do NOT corroborate with manmade calculated visibility predictions, as publicised on their visibility charts.

But Allah made His Prophet s.a.w. to tell us over 1400 years ago NEVER to accept calculations for fixing Hilal dates. AND for the first time in the history, the **Moon sighting.com** scientist has accepted that the Saudis CAN see the new Moon against their calculations and predictions, even BEFORE SUNSET. Their own new calculation gave them 'A BIG SURPRISE'.

Remember that Prophet Jim Stamm, Martin Elsasser and A.H.Sultan of Sana`a University, Yaman proved that Donjon's elongation limit of 7.5 degree is wrong, Prf.A.H.Sultan said that New Moon can be seen at its greatest inclination too. To make it easy for you, we have broken down the whole paragraph of the 'One explanation' in to 14 steps, and introduced our comments in italics in brackets.



### One explanation about Saudi sightings

**15.2 Question: Your visibility maps (showing lunar visibility across the planet) many times show that Saudi Arabia is out of visibility zone, yet Saudi announcement comes they have seen the moon. Is there a possibility that your calculation have some error? (August 2012)**

**Answer: One Explanation:**

**1. We recently found out that many times Saudi sightings were before sunset.**

*(Until now it was said that its impossible to see the hilal before Sunset)*

**2. Saudi desert areas have been known to be without any city lights or city pollution.**

*(So there is a higher possibility of seeing hilal in desert skies than in skies of city areas)*

**3. It is well known that Saudi Bedouins (Baddoos) see stars in the day time. So, it is very possible that they see the new crescent moon before sunset (several hours before sunset).**

*(They have 'super eye sight' evolved by their use in pitch darkness over their life time)*

**4. Please note that our visibility maps are calculated for visibility at local sunset time at every point on the globe for a specific date.**

*(But these are for main cities / towns, and NOT remote desert areas with light free and pollution free skies)*

**5. All those calculations are based on the collected observation data after sunset (from 1860 AD to the present) from different locations on the globe.**

*(Calculations are from PAST experience of normal eyes and NOT for people with 'super eye sight')*

**6. These data are not from desert areas with no city lights and no city pollution. The data of observations we have were all from cities which have city lights and after sunset.**

*(So we can NOT use them to predict visibility in Saudi Deserts. They are different)*

**7. We do not have any data for sighting before sunset.**

**8. New evidence show that Saudi claims of sighting comes from desert areas and many times the sightings were before sunset.**





(Because the sighting probability in desert is greater, their sighting claims and testimonies are reliable,)

9. We, at moonsighting.com started calculating the possibility of sighting before sunset, and our finding (under the special consideraion of Saudi desert areas) for sighting possibility before sunset was a big surprise.

(No surprise at all - even Prophet s.a.w. accepted sighting testimonies of Bedouins against negative sighting reports from Prophet s.a.w. and Sahabas in Medina)

10. The moon being few degrees above the horizon before sunset may have been seen, which would set in a short time and would not be visible if people try to see it after sunset.

(Both, the Moon and Sun are above the horizon just before Sunset, yet they can see the hilal, so its easier to see it after Sunset in the surrounding darkness of desert's clean sky)

11. It should also be noted that the new crescent moon in desert areas with dry climate and no city lights would have very different refraction effects.

(So the visibility charts calculated for city dwellers can NOT be applied to desert dwellers)

12. My scientific basis to believe such sightings are three things; elongation being more than Danjon limit, thickness of the crescent more than 0.11 arcminutes and human optics of desert dwellers. Human optics cannot be put in calculations.

(Until now we made mistake of comparing these pious desert dwellers with us, and our calculations, raising doubts about their honesty and authenticity of their testimonies)

13. On this scientific basis I think sightings before sunset may be possible.

(Sighting before Sunset has been established with photographic evidence from other countries, so why treat Saudi Muslims who claim hilal sightings differently)

14. Such moon may not be seen if the observer waits to see after sunset because many a times, it sets while Muslims still are praying Maghrib prayer, thus making it invisible after sunset.

(As is the case with us Hanafi Muslims who pray Maghrib straight after Sunset, while Muslims of other Mazhabs normally delay Jamaat of Maghrib prayers for nearly ten minutes. They use this time to see the hilal while we are busy praying)

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This 'One explanation' clarifies the following slanders and questions against the Saudi Hilal Decisions posed by the anti-Saudi lobby ...

1. How can the Saudis see the hilal if Moonset is before Sunset
2. Saudis do not see the hilal at all, they see something else or they just make false claim
3. How can the same desert dweller Saudis see hilal every time before others
4. How can they see the hilal when none of their Hilal sighting Office staff could see it
5. Saudi pious Judges and learned Jurists readily accept testimonies without proper scrutiny
6. The Shariah ruling Saudi system is influenced by Jewish conspiracy to ruin our ibadaat

Until now, we have been made to feel that calculations are universal, and they are absolute truth, and all claims of hilal sighting must be scrutinised in light of these calculations. This explanation helps to confirm our belief that -

1. Calculations are NOT universal and they are NOT Qatai (Conclusive) Evidence
2. Calculations can NOT be trusted against a true Believer's Testimony

May Allah reward the Moonsighting.com's calculators who openly admitted that their new calculation for SIGHTING POSSIBILITY before sunset in desert areas gave them 'A BIG SURPRISE'?

