

## Fatawa: Anklashwer

In the hadith it is stated:

لاتصوموا حتى تروا الهلال ولا تفطروا حتى تروه فان غم عليكم فاقدروا له

**“Do not fast until you see the moon and do not break until you see it. If it is overcast then count it.”**

(بخاری 256/1 مسلم 347/1)

And in Tirmizi, the hadith is as follows:

صوموا لرويته وافطروا لرويته (ترمزی 148/1)

**“Fast by seeing the moon and break it by seeing too.”**

It clear from these Ahadith that the criteria for moon sighting is **naked eye sighting**. It is correct and accurate. The criterion for moon sighting does not depend on the theory of Astronomical calculation, because this is incorrect and wrong.

Allamh Ibn Abideen Shami (R.A) said that it is a unanimous decision of scholars on this subject that the Astronomers are not reliable on the matter. Even astronomers themselves are not allowed to act upon it. Moreover he said, although Allamah Sabaki Shafee accepted the calculation, but his contemporary other great scholars like Ibne Hajar RH. And Ramli RH. And a big grou of Ulama after him had rejected his opinion with strong statements as Mardood. (Shami 2/92)

Therefore it is not permissible to act upon these criterions. That will be the rejection of Quran, hadith and majority scholars.

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