



# THE MOON SIGHTING

## MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

Islamic Date Calendar



Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain

### The Astronomy based Conferences including WML against Shariah and Saudi's Rasmi Hilal decisions The Ample proof that Saudi's do not rely on Ummul Qura calendar for Rasmi (sharee) Hilal Dates decisions

The onslaught on the Saudis' continues and allegations take on new twists. All kinds of accusations are heaped on the Saudi's accusing them of pre-fixing their calendar and using the Ummul Qura calendar to announce dates for the holy months. Despite numerous attempts by various bodies in particular Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain (CMSC) to dispel the myths, those who have an agenda against the Saudi scholars and the authorities continue their unIslamic attacks. This article brings together numerous proofs and evidence hoping to lay to rest the groundless allegations.

The truth is that the Saudi's have a Sharee system in place with decisions made only on sighting. The local Kazi is approached by witnesses who verify their claims according to Shariah and the Kazi relays his findings to the authorities who then make the final decision. There are also official sighting committees throughout the country who are officially tasked to attempt sighting and report to the Authorities. These facts are undisputed and form part of the Sharee infrastructure of Saudi Arabia.

However, those who are against following Saudi Arabia cannot accept this Sharee arrangement purely on the basis that Saudi decisions conflict with astronomical calculations. This is the main point of objection. However as has been discussed many times before Shariah does not require the use of calculations to verify sighting claims and this remains the case for the vast majority of Ulama. The question we must ask ourselves is, are the decisions of the Saudi's in line with Sharee requirements? The answer resoundingly is yes. In which case there is absolutely no harm at all in following the announcements of Saudi Arabia.

Consider the Fatawa of Eminent internationally reputed

Scholars Mufti Taqi Uthmani and Mufti Rafi' Uthmani Damat Barkatuhum making it crystal clear the Sharee position as regards to following Saudi announcements:

[http://www.hizbululama.org.uk/highlights/1432ah/ramdan/11\\_follow\\_saudi\\_arabia\\_moon\\_sighting.pdf](http://www.hizbululama.org.uk/highlights/1432ah/ramdan/11_follow_saudi_arabia_moon_sighting.pdf)

[http://www.hizbululama.org.uk/highlights/1432ah/ramdan/10\\_Rooyat\\_Hilal\\_questions\\_from\\_Germany\\_to\\_Mufti\\_Azam\\_Pakistan.pdf](http://www.hizbululama.org.uk/highlights/1432ah/ramdan/10_Rooyat_Hilal_questions_from_Germany_to_Mufti_Azam_Pakistan.pdf)

These are the Fatawa of two well respected Scholars from Pakistan but the fact is this is similar to the Fatawa of the vast majority of the Ulama.

There are also countless references from Saudi authorities themselves and

numerous Saudi scholars clearly accepting the Sharee requirement of sighting the moon and the prohibition of following a pre-calculated calendar. There is no reason to doubt their statements. To call them all liars is utterly wrong.

Those who are against the Saudi's, search profusely for whatever they can get their hands on to accuse them of following the Ummul Qura calendar and alleging that the Saudi's conspire, Naozobillah, to make decisions falsely and against Sharee principles. This is an allegation which is tantamount to Buhtan for which Rasoolullah Sallallahu alaihiwasallam warned of dire consequences in the hereafter. May Allaah protect us from committing such a heinous sin. Aameen. Recently they introduced something new. They have found a document to prove that the intention of the Saudi's has always been to fix the calendar. They have focused on a resolution which was produced over 25 years ago claiming that the intent of the Saudi's at the time was to unify the global Islamic community on a single calendar and to fix a calendar on which to base Sharee decisions. The world Muslim community was gathered together to unify the Islamic calendar. This is now being used to justify, inappropriately, that Saudi Arabia always had the intention to fix a calendar and deviate from the Shariah. This is far from the real truth.

See below for background:

رابعاً : ضرورة إعداد تقويم هجري موحد تلتزم به الأمة الإسلامية وذلك باعتبار ولادة الهلال قبل غروب الشمس وبشرط مغيبه بعد غروبها حسب توقيت مكة المكرمة أو أي بلد إسلامي يشترك معها في جزء من الليل بزمين يمكن أن تتحقق معه الرؤية الشرعية بدخول الشهر وذلك عن طريق لجنة مختصة تقوم بإعداد هذا التقويم وتفعيل دور هذه اللجنة المكلفة بإعداد روزنامة إسلامية تكون مرجع

المسلمين في ضبط التقويم الهجري وذلك تماماً كما جاء في قرار مؤتمر القمة الإسلامي التاسع والعاشر.

<http://www.fiqhacademy.org.sa/akhbar/5-7-2009.htm>

(2) لإعتبار حكم الحاسين بدخول الشهر القمري شرعياً يجب أن يبينوا حكمهم على وجود الهلال في الأفق بالفعل بعد مغيب الشمس، بحيث يمكن أن يرى بالعين عند انقضاء (3) وإمكان رؤية الهلال لا بد من توفر شرطين أساسيين هما: الموانع، وهذا ما يسمى بالرؤية الحكيمة.

8 درجات على سبيل (أ) ألا يقل البعد الزاوي بين الشمس و القمر عن 8 درجات بعد الإقتران مع العلم.

غروب الشمس عن 5 درجات الإحتياطياً بأن بداية الرؤية تحصل بين 7 و 8 وانما اتفق على الأخذ بـ

(ب) ألا تقل زاوية ارتفاع القمر عن الأفق.

<http://qasweb.org/qasforum/index.php?showtopic=87>

(Rest article will be next time)

**Jumad'ul Ula**  
**1433H**  
Duration: March-April  
2012

**Saudi Ummul Qura**  
**Calendar Dates**  
The Islamic Week Starts  
Every Friday

**First of Jumad'ul Ula 1433AH**  
Commenced on the evening of Friday 23th March 2012

FRI	SET	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
	1 <sup>24</sup> March	2 <sup>25</sup>	3 <sup>26</sup>	4 <sup>27</sup>	5 <sup>28</sup>	6 <sup>29</sup>
7 <sup>30</sup>	8 <sup>31</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup> April	10 <sup>2</sup>	11 <sup>3</sup>	12 <sup>4</sup>	13 <sup>5</sup>
14 <sup>6</sup>	15 <sup>7</sup>	16 <sup>8</sup>	17 <sup>9</sup>	18 <sup>10</sup>	19 <sup>11</sup>	20 <sup>12</sup>
21 <sup>13</sup>	22 <sup>14</sup>	23 <sup>15</sup>	24 <sup>16</sup>	25 <sup>17</sup>	26 <sup>18</sup>	27 <sup>19</sup>
28 <sup>20</sup>	29 <sup>21</sup>					

**Sunnah acts** (Sunnah: the practice of Prophet Muhammad SAW, emulation of which attains great reward)  
1. To fast on the days of Yaum-e-Beadh these are the 13, 14 & 15 except during Ramadhan where fasting is obligatory for the whole month.  
2. To look the new moon crescent at the end of the Rasmi 29 day, please contact us to report a sighting.

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