



# Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain

(Jamiatul Ulama Britain, Darul Uloom Bury, Hizbul Ulama UK)

## The translated Question from Urdu :

Muhtaram Hadhrat Maulana Mufti Sahab, Hafizahullah

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuhu

Here in the UK, on the eve of Ramadhan 1431, on the evening of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 / 29th Shaban 1431, three brothers saw Crescent of Ramadhan in Birmingham. Their testimony was taken by a deputation of Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain (CMSC) by visiting them personally in Birmingham.

Unique qualities of these witness is that all three of them are Sahabe Tarteeb (have not missed any namaz in their life), one of the witness is a qualified Islamic Scholar, second is Hafiz of Qur'an, and the third has been in the effort of D'awah in Tablighi Jmaat for a long time. Testimony of all the three witness was heard by our deputation meeting them face to face, and their signatures were taken on detailed testimony enclosed herewith.

It should be noted that prior to this, the CMSC has a record of 20 incidents of Hilal sighting in Britain, on the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> of the month, over the last 25 years (including one incident of sighting by 8 students from Darul Uloom Bury, and, another by 3 students from Darul Uloom Leicester). We have all these recorded on our Website. But, few people rejected this testimony by saying that it is doubtful and slanderous because,

- a. That sighting was against the Astronomical calculation and the New Moon theory, because according to Astronomical calculations, the sighting of Hilal was totally impossible on that evening,
- b. the CMSC took the testimony one week after the start of Ramadhan.

This is despite the fact that according to authentic Sources and Fataawa, there is no Sharai permissibility to reject the start of Ramadhan on such grounds.

After receiving this Testimony, the CMSC publicised your Fataawa (included on our Website) rejecting the influence of Astronomical calculations for establishing Hilal, and informed the public to make Qadha of this omitted Fast. BUT few people have declared that it is obligatory to accept calculations according to the New Moon Theory (philosophy of Meton - 430 BC) that was invented by introducing changes to the Shariah of Prophet Musa a. by Rabbi Helail II in 358 BC. They regard these calculations as 'Test' for validity of Testimony by quoting the verse ' **الْشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ بِحُسْبَانٍ**

The Sun and the Moon follow calculated orbits'.

Thus they rejected this Testimony and refused to allow Qadha of the missed Fast. Thereby they used the philosophical theories from times before Islam and Prophet Isa a. against the authentic Sources, and which were rejected by Prophet s.a.w. in the Hadith Ummi. So the people who missed the Fast of 1<sup>st</sup> Ramadhan are in uncertainty, some saying that 'the burden of our not making the Qadha of missed Fast is upon those who are preventing us from making its Qadha'.

From the foregoing, following questions arise:

1. Is it permissible to reject the Birmingham's Hilal Sighting Testimony on the grounds of 'Testing in light of New Moon Theory'?
2. People who are making excuse that the burden of them not making Qadha will be upon those who prevent them from making Qadha of their missed Fast. Is such reasoning has Sharai validity? Or are they duty bound to make Qadha of their missed Fast.

Please reply and be rewarded.

Signed ; Molvi Yaqub Ahmed Miftahi (S.G. – Hizbul Ulama UK and CMSC of G. Britain)

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