



Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain

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

London Mosques Revert Back to Following Saudi Moon Decisions as Established According to *Sunnah* and *Shariah* Rules; According to *Mahkama Ulya* 7 hours old 1st *Shaban* Moon Sighted at many places in Saudi Arabia!

Dear Brothers and Sisters, *Assalaamu alaikum warahamtullah wabaraktuh*

The holy month of *Ramadhan* is just around the corner, the month of *Shaban* has begun from Saturday 2nd July 2011, and carries with it the auspicious 15th night – *Lailatul Baraat* on Saturday night 15th July 2011. May Allah forgive all our sins, strengthen our *Eeman*, and grant us the best of both worlds, *Aamin*.

You are well aware that for the last 26 years, after receiving *Fataawaa* from grand Muftis, the Central Moon Sighting Committee of G.Britain (CMSCB) has been following the *hilar* decisions from the Holy land of Saudi Arabia where *Shar'i* establishment of the new Moon takes place using strict adherence to the *Sunnah* and *Shariah* rules.

At the time of the inception of the above resolution, there were serious divisions amongst Muslims due to opinions such as it was obligatory to follow Morocco's *Hilar* sighting decisions. Then in 1986, *Hilar* of *Eid* was sighted in Morocco but the news of its sighting arrived here late on the day of *Eid*. Many Muslims broke their fast, while others didn't, and they did not allow their followers to break the fast on that *Eid* day. This incident was a blessing in disguise for the Muslims of the UK. After lengthy research lasting over 7 months and obtaining necessary *Fataawaa*, Muslim Scholars of *Jamiatul Ulama* Britain, and *Hizbul Ulama* UK gathered at a conference at *Darul Uloom* Bury under the chairmanship of Maulana Yusuf Motala *sahib* and Maulana Musa Karmadi *sahib* (*Hafizuhumallahum*). It was decided to follow the *Hilar* Decisions from the Holy Land of Saudi Arabia. All the *Deobandi Tablighi* of the UK celebrated this news with great relief. Consequently all were united once again after 1978.

After this historic decision, on the evening of 27th May 1987 the first *Eid Fiter* of 1407H, 17 Muslims from 2 towns sighted the *Sharaee new Moon* before its theoretically calculated visibility prediction as it was only 4.5 hours old - 13 Muslims of Blackburn including 2 women and one Barelvi Maktab Brother Chaudhry and 4 Muslims of Batley – *Hafizuhumallahum* (1-Click to See our world moon sighting Record). Since then, on 19 occasions, *hilar* has been sighted in disagreement to the Astronomical predictions and calculations. On one of this occasion, 8 student Scholars of *Darul Uloom* Bury sighted the *Hilar* of *Dhul Hajj* 1419 on the evening of 17th March 1999, 19 minutes before the astronomically predicted birth of the theoratically calculated new moon. Likewise, two students and a teacher of Leicester *Darul Uloom* also sighted *hilar* of *J.Ula* 1430H on the evening of 25th April 2009 (2-Click to see the record). Equally, *Hujjaj* and visitors to *al-Haramain ash-Sharafain* from India and UK sighted the *Hilar* of both *Muharram* 1413 at Jiddah on the evening of 30th June 1992 by 3 persons and *Dhul Hijjah* 1409 H on the evening of 3rd July 1989 by 4 British men + big crowd and *agin Dhul Hijjah* 1409 H on the evening of 1st June 1992 by 3 indian men including 1 British, from *Jannatul Baqi'e*, *Madinah Munawwarah* before its thioratically calculated visibility prediction. All these incidents fully corroborated the sighting decisions of Saudi Arabia.

Specifically one case in *Dhul Hijjah* 1409, the moon was sighted by a huge crowd amongst them 4 British *Hujjaj* including my self, the Greenwich Observatory's Professor B. D. Yelop rejected this sighting and said that the moon can't be seen even by using a telescope, but a Muslim expert Dr. K. Shaukat accepted the sighting by using the identical theoretical methodology (3-click to see).

Dear Readers, as we mentioned before, the CMSCB announces the first day of Islamic months after contacting our representative Maulana Dr. Saeed Ahmed Inayatullah *sahab* (who is a Professor of *Hadith* in the Madrasa Saulatiyah, Makkah A I Mukarramah, and is also the Chairman of International *Khatme Nabuwat* Movement) who relays the *Hilar* decisions from the Grand Jurists of the Saudi High Court and Supreme Court.

You will be pleased to know that Maulana Saeed contacted the Minister of the High Court *Shaikh* Abdur Rahman Al-Kalaiya (*Hafizahullahum*), who said that the *hilar* of 1st *Shaban* 1432 was sighted at many places in the KSA on the evening of 29th *Rajab*; therefore the first day of *Shaban* 1432 AH is Saturday 2nd July 2011.

This resolution to follow moon sighting decisions from *al-Haramain ash-Sharafain* in Saudi Arabia caused uproar amongst people following Morocco decisions, but now it has been exposed that Morocco *hilar* decisions are based upon Astronomical Predictions and calculations. This is not correct and it is illegal according to not only *Deobandi* Scholars; it is also against the belief of all the followers of *Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat* including Barelvi Muslims. Now they also find peace and contentment in following Saudi decisions which are based upon the *Shar'i* rules and principles. A current example of this is the incident where Committee members and Muslims at two Mosques in Newbury and Thorton heath, London, after 4/5 years, decided to follow Saudi *Hilar* decisions once more. May Allah shower His blessings, and guide others to follow the correct, authentic *Shariah* rulings and decisions from Saudi Arabia rather than from who they follow of Astronomical Predictions and calculations, *Aamin*.

You're Brother in Islam

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