



Saudi Arabia revises Ashura date to Tuesday the 6th of December

Dear Brothers and Sisters, assalaamu alaikum warahamtullah wabaraktuh

All praise belongs to Allah SWT that He has caused Saudi Arabia to change the Moon Sighting decision for the month of Muharram 1433 from Saturday 26th November 2011 to Sunday 27th November 2011 and prove to the world that the Jurists in Saudi Arabia strictly follow the Shariah in moon sighting decisions.

Brother and Sisters, you may be familiar for each month we obtain the **Rasmi Date** (the date by moon sighting each month) information from the **Mahkamah Ulya KSA**. Our representative, Maulana Dr. Saeed Ahmed initially contacted Mahkamah Ulya for information regarding the date of the 1st Muharram 1433 on Saturday 26th November 2011. He had been initially informed by the Minister that "1st Muharram 1433 by Ru'yah is today Saturday." However after six days, that is on Friday 3rd December we came to understand through other than Mahkamah Ulya concerning the changing of the date of Ashurah. We consequently contacted our representative in KSA to get a confirmation of the date change, but the office of the Mahkamah Ulya was closed due to it being Friday. We waited for the next day and on Saturday 4th December Mahkamah Ulya confirmed that indeed the date had been changed on the basis of the Shariah ([1-Click to see](#)). Additionally for the first time on the same day Saturday 4th December 2011, the explanation by Mahkamah Ulya regarding the day of Ashurah had been published in the SPA's website. ([2-Click to see](#)) - ([3-Click to see](#))

Please keep in mind just, as in Ramadan the enemies of Saudi Arabia will use every opportunity to criticise the Saudi's and brainwash Muslims to hate Saudi pious Shariah abiding Ulama authorities. In Ramadan there was out and out fabrication which caused considerable worry amongst Muslims but was quickly laid to rest with an announcement by Saudi Arabia and challenges made to the offending broadcaster by Us and others ([4-Click to see](#)). On this occasion there was some criticism but this is easily answered.

There are some enemies of Islam and Muslims who constantly work to brain wash innocent minds of common Muslims by false accusations, slanders, falsehood, and lies against the Islamic Rule and Shariah practices of Saudi Arabia. They fall prey to the whispers of Shaitan who loves dissension. It is Shaitan's ploy and the enemy's dream to turn Muslims away from the Holy and Sanctified sites of the Haramain Sharafain, and corrupt their mind of Muslims so that they start doubting the validity of their Ibadaat. So they constantly argue with some of their own myths and false accusations against Saudi Arabia in the name of Islam specifically for *Thuboote Hilal*. Here is an extract sent to us by a CMSC and Saudi Shari

method follower showing their deep rooted hatred about Saudi Arabia and it`s Shariah law structure.

“(Those who have declared the 5th of December as the day of Aashura in the UK have done so following the ‘Ummul Qura Calendar’ which is based on CALCULATION NOT ON ACTUAL SIGHTING. TO OBSERVE AASHURA BASED ON A CALCULATED CALENDAR WOULD BE WRONG. By observing Aashura on the 5th of December one would be depriving one’s self of the benefits attached to this great day.

It is common knowledge that the Riyadh authorities do not announce Muharram based on actual sighting of the hilal. They only announce the sighting claim dates of Ramadhan, Shawwal and Dhul Hijjah - no others!”

That is their deep rooted hatred (5. What is the answer for..)

The revise Ashura incident establishes four important facts about Moon Sighting decisions in Saudi Arabia and removes many of the enemies’ false accusations:

1. Saudi Arabia does NOT follow the 'pre-calculated Ummul Quraa Calendar' for Islamic practices. If it did, there was no reason to change the decision announced initially as it coincided with their Ummul Qura Calendar. The fact of the matter is that they use the pre-calculated Ummul Quraa calendar ONLY for the Office use and Government programs. When it comes to Islamic practices, they rely fully, totally, and absolutely upon actual Moon Sighting Testimonies as required by our Holy Shariah.

Mr Mohammed Odeh accepts as well that Saudi Arabia does not follow Ummul Quraa Calendar, he says, **“we have to be honest and realistic! As for me I don't believe that they insist on following the calendar! They did divert from the calendar for all the months several times, including Ramadan, Shawwal, Dhul Hijjah and Muharram.”**

Also Dr Khalid Shaukat (MS.COM) has confirmed that KSA do not use the Ummul Quraa calendar for Islamic (Rasmi) dates. It is blatant deception to keep hammering the point that KSA follow the Ummul Quraa calendar.

2. They accuse the Saudi Authorities (by this they mean the strictly Shariah abiding, very pious, and highly educated senior Fuqahaa, Muftis, or Jurists) ‘only announce the sighting claim dates of Ramadhan, Shawwal, and Dhul Hijjah – NO OTHERS’. This announcement for Muharram has shown that they do announce the sighting claim for other months as well, and not just for the three months associated with fardh Ibadaat (see more at “Saudi Fatawa and letters” Box at Home page).
3. They also falsely accuse the Saudi Authorities (i.e. the most learned and pious Fuqahaa) of not scrutinising (Jarrah) the witnesses properly and accept readily any sighting claim from any individual. This is untrue. In this case for Muharram, they not only scrutinised the witness, they reversed their announcement after learning of doubts about the authenticity of the claim. If the accusers think only they know how

to scrutinise a witness, they are unfamiliar with the status of the pious and highly respected Ulama in Saudi Arabia. The accusers' form of scrutinising is to make sure the witness abides by the calculations based upon Jewish traditions and research that was totally and unambiguously rejected by our Nabi s.a.w - the founder of Shariah(6-Click to see). He (s.a.w.) ordered us to keep one extra fast on Ashura, just to show that we are different from the Jews as they fast on Ashura for only one day. This teaches us that we are not allowed to follow and imitate Jews even in our Ibadaat, how can we follow them for fixing our Ibadat dates by their condition of astronomical calculation (7-Click to see) and in other walks of life. The enemies are doing exactly that which the Nabi s.a.w. prohibited us from: they fix, and FOLLOW the calendar derived from calculations based on Jewish traditions. That is why they will NOT accept any Moon Sighting claim if it contradicts their own Calendar. They rejected sighting witnessed by a pious Aalim, a pious Hafiz, and a Pious Muslim last year and made Muslims miss a Fardh Fast of Ramadhan (8-Click to see). Is this the level they will stoop to in their so called scrutinising? This is despite their own criterion based upon the rule that, in cloudy conditions, they are required only one witness for start of Ramadhan. Yet, just to brain wash the innocent Muslims, they keep shouting that the Saudi Authority only follow Calculations. They, the accusers are the ones who follow calculations – have they ever had to change from their Calendar dates based on Sighting claim? No. Because if any Moon Sighting claim is not in agreement with their calculation based calendars, they will reject the claim and not the calculation. Who is guilty? The *Fataawaa* of many Scholars show that calculations are not Sharee scale when scrutinising witnesses.

4. Muharram is NOT associated with any Fardh or obligatory Ibadat. Yet Saudi Authorities are so careful that they will change their Hilal Decision after going through the Shariah guided procedure. Can you imagine the extra care they must be taking when deciding about Hilal Decisions directly associated with Fardh Ibadaat like Fasting and Haj? But the enemies of Allah, of Rasulullah, of Shariah, and of Muslims, continuously lay blame on the Saudi authorities spoiling our Ibadaat. This serves the accusers purpose excellently and the only method they really have and that is to create doubts by Judo Christian New Moon theory in innocent minds about the validity and acceptance of our Ibadaat,

Jeudo Christian Lunar Calendar

It is established that religiously minded Christians use the lunar calendar and it is the calendar which the Jews practice upon in this age (as seen at barecate no.7). This lunar calendar was initiated by the highest ranking Rabbi in Palestine, Haalel II, in 358 CE when he adopted the new-moon theory of Metone who lived in 431BC and by so doing he terminated the practice of the Prophets whereby the moon was actually sighted for the first of each month and announced from Baitul Muqaddas by them.

Although it is common that the Christians use the Greek 'Solar Calendar' which the Roman Emperors adopted after they conquered Greece prior to the coming of Isa ﷺ and changed the names of the months to that of their governors and they also altered the

sequence of the months and days such that after the era of Isa عليه السلام the Roman Emperor,

Constantine The Great I (331 CE) embraced Christianity the Christian calendar was attributed to him upto the era after the coming of Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم, when it starting being attributed to Pope Gregory due to certain alterations made by him. However on the basis of the reference mentioned earlier it is established that the Christian calendar is actually the Lunar calendar.

When the era of the final Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم commenced in 610 CE then he expressed that he has come to do away with all the previous practices based on ignorance such that by the command of Allah, Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم **did away with most of the laws that were found in the previous scriptures (Bukhari, Muslim).**

وقال ايضاً لتتبعن سنن الذين من قبلكم شبراً بشيراً وذرماً بذراً حتى لو دخلوا حراً صب لا تتبعتموهم، قيل يا رسول الله اليهود والنصارى! قال فمن! (رواه البخاري ومسلم)

You will definitely follow the practices of those who passed before you to the finest detail so much so that if they entered the hole of a lizard you will do likewise. It was asked, 'O Rasoolullah J are you referring to the Jews and Christians?' and he replied saying, 'Who else!' (Bukhari, Muslim)

In light of this danger and on the basis of the fact that Islam, unlike the other religions, will remain until the Day of Judgement Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم stated the following:

لا تزال طائفة من امتي ظاهرين حتى ياتي امر الله وبهم ظاهرون (بخاري ومسلم)

Translation: A group of my followers will always remain dominant on the true and right path. Those who oppose them as well as those who stop assisting them will not cause any harm to them until the last day

Brothers and Sisters please exercise caution when you are sent texts, emails to serve Shaitan's program of creating doubts, disunity, and degradation in the Muslim Ummah, instigated by Zionism against Islamic Shariah laws specifically for the unique Saudi Sunni pure Shariah law system. Their aim is to change it by introducing Secular laws by forcing the head of Haramain Sharifain's land of Saudi Arabia the Khadimul Haramain King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz (HA) and therefore to bring about a change to the Shariah law one step at a time and finally to end Shari laws entirely. May Allah protect Shariah laws, Saudia and all Muslims from their evil plans and keep us and all Muslims established on Siraate Mustaqeem, Amin.



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UK group's visit to Madina al-Munawwarah mired in controversy and mischief regarding the sighting of the Hilal in a deliberate anti-Sunnah campaign

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam, Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarkatuh

And fear the Day when ye shall be Brought back to Allah . Then shall every soul Be paid what it earned, And none shall be Dealt with unjustly.

You are all aware of the 'Fake-Eid' rumor which circulated after Ramadhan 1413H/2011. This was started by the Shiite Iran, otherwise known as the descendants of Ibne Saba (Yahud from Yemen), through its official state news agency (IRNA). They falsely claimed that the Saudi authorities had announced that the Kingdom will be performing a qadha of one fast and had given billions of Riyals as fidyah payment, for announcing Eid on the wrong day (nauzubillah). It was unfortunate that some Sunnis, believed this to be true, joined this Shi'ite campaign and promoted this Epic Shi'ite-led swindle of innocent Muslims. This concerted and well coordinated campaign included the infamous 'fake Eid' text message which thousands of Muslims in the UK mysteriously received. It also included staged TV debates on Muslim Satellite TV stations that actively promote animosity towards other Muslim groups. They all had a vested interest in joining this nefarious Shi'ite propaganda against the Ulama of Saudi Arabia. It was nothing less than a pathetic and deliberate campaign of lies against followers of the Sunnah, led by a state agency of the Shi'ite Republic of Iran.

We, the followers of the Sunnah must always remain cautious from the lies made by the descendants of Ibne Saba. They claim they love Hazrat Ali, Hazrat Fatimah, Imam Hasan and Hussein, radiallahu anhum ajmaeen, but in reality they go against all their teachings and were responsible for the despicable murder of Hadrat Uthman-e-Ghani RD and the civil war which followed. Their aqeedah is based on a totally distorted version of Islam and a quick glance at their history shows that they have always conspired against the Sunnah.

(!) It is important to note that the first innovation in moon sighting was made by a Shi'a Fatimid ruler of Egypt who forced the people to start their Ramadhan and Eidain using new-moon theories which pre-fixed the Islamic calendar. He forbid any Muslim from following the Sunnah Tariqah of naked eye moon sightings. Many brave Sunni Muslims sacrificed their lives and belongings for six years and eventually forced the Shi'ite Fatimid regime to change (تحريف) this anti-Sunnah ruling. Sadly we see that even in our times, there are people claiming to follow Sunnah who are unwittingly involved in this anti-Sunnah Shi'ite campaign and they use all sorts of tactics to implement this Shi'ite-led agenda against the Sunnah.

(!) Many people are unaware that despots like Gaddafi forcibly ordered the Sunni of Libya to start their Ramadhan and Eidain using new moon theories and forbid them from following the Sunnah practice of naked eye moon sighting. Also most people are still unaware that Gaddafi himself was a Shi'ite and regarded himself to be a proud Fatimid; he stated that Libya was the 2nd Fatimid Shi'ite state in history and went on to proclaim himself a Fatimid Imamul Muslimeen. Gaddafi's Shi'ism even led him to change the holy Qur'aan and removed the words (قل) from ayahs (verses) of the Qur'an. (1- Please see our separate article on this and listen to Gaddafi's YouTube video on www.hizbululama.org.uk)

(!) Going back to our main point, the followers of Ibne Saba (Shi'ites) continuously propagate the lie that Saudi Ulama announced Eid ul-Fitr 1432h according to the pre-fixed Ummul Qura Calendar and do so generally for the start of all Rasmi months. **We all know that pre-fixed Islamic calendars are used the world over but they are restricted to civil use just like in Saudi Arabia. The Ulama of Saudi Arabia also have a Rasmi calendar which only use naked**

قال الله تعالى؛ واتفقوا يوماً ترجعون فيه الى الله ثم توفى كل نفس ماكسبت وبم لا يظلمون (البقره ٢٨١)

eye moon sighting which is used for all Islamic dates. The fact that the Hilal was sighted at the end of the 29th Sharee day (the Rasmi date) which matched the pre-fixed administrative calendar date as world over is a simple coincidence and not a conspiracy, some would have us believe. This is used to sow the seed of doubt in Muslims leading to unnecessary dissension and disunity. Just look at sighting news from Morocco which always accord with astronomical calculated it's Calander date. Why do they not say then that the announcements from Morocco are based on astronomical calculations? The charge about Saudi using the Ummul Qura calendar is based on suspicion and suspicion only. The Saudi Ulama and the authorities have said clearly that they follow the Sunnah method of sighting even to the extent where they reject astronomical calculations. Why do these people then persist in disbelieving the pious Ulama? . The famous Fatwa from Mufti Azam Pakistan is clear for all too that **"No matter how much uncomfortable people feel about Saudi announcements there is scope to follow Saudi Arabia"**.

(!) The Shi'ite propaganda machine led by Iran and aided by others, attempted to sow confusion at the Hilal sighting in the land of the Haramain. The fact that Muslims around the world follow the Ulama of Saudi Arabia clearly does not suit their agenda, and they would rather the Muslim world follow their Imaams instead. Their campaign and its followers claimed that the date for Eid-ul-Fitr was pre-fixed by the Ulama of Saudi Arabia. An absurd proposition, when they themselves use a fixed calendar methodology and scientific theories to predict in advance when a moon can and cannot be sighted.

Those that are caught up in this anti-Saudi propaganda campaign regularly use Maulana Saeed Palanpuri to aid their cause. However, you will never hear anything unpleasant from them against Maulana Sahib for his remarks regarding Rasmi (moon sighted) dates that match

pre-fixed dates. Maulana Palanpuri clearly says "... we have a fixed calendar in India and throughout the year the monthly moon sighted date matches the (pre-fixed) Calendar dates, this is except when the moon sighting (date) differs then this calendar date (which) is only for one or two months in a year."

Maulana Palanpuri has also said, **"I do not agree with astronomical calculated hisab to reject Shar'ee witnesses (of) Saudi Shar'ee moon sighting decisions."** (2-Click to listen You Tube videos). However it is also fair to say that Maulana Saeed Palanpuri in his book Al-Maa'ah has accepted astronomical hisab to reject Saudi Shar'ee Hilal moon sighting decisions

(3-See our English book "Hilal Judgment on Moon Sighting..." P58 to 79 & Urdu book "قرآن و حدیث میں ہلال کی عینیت پر مبنی 98 فتاویٰ" in our web's Books. www.hizbululama.org.uk).

(!) There were some members of Sunni Muslims group from the UK who happened to join the official Saudi Moon Sighting Committee led by the Saudi Ulama in Madinah al-Munawwarah. They went to observe the Hilal but did not see it in their location. At the end the Ulama-led Committee declared that the moon was not sighted by them in Madinah al-Munawwarah but that a Shar'ee Hilal was sighted near Riyadh which was accepted by the Saudi High Court and accordingly they announced that on this basis, Eid-ul-Fitr 1432H would take place the following day. **Sadly, for some members from the UK group this was not the result they envisaged. Their minds went into overdrive and bizarre conspiracy theories began to emerge that claimed the Ulama of Saudi Arabia had pre-fixed the day of Eid. Through their associates in the UK, they joined the anti-Saudi campaign and issued messages claiming that Eid-ul-Fitr 1432h was pre-fixed by the Ulama in Saudi Arabia according to the Ummul Qura calendar and issued a list of 12 people who witnessed the event of non sighting in Madinah.** So what is wrong with sighting in one part of the country and not another? Does the hilal have to be sighted everywhere?

Amongst this group that had joined the official Ulama-led Saudi Moon Sighting Committee in Madina al-Munawwarah, was an Aalim-e-Deen from the UK who upon his return contacted the UK group and demanded his name be removed from their list of 12 and publications and completely disassociated himself from their nefarious views. This all transpired after his return following a visit to Al-Quds al-Sharif (Jerusalem). **When he saw messages then he officially clarified his personal views by re-affirming his belief that the Saudi Ulama had decided Eid ul Fitr 1432H on the basis of naked eye Shar'ee moon sighting's (at two locations near Riyadh) and not on the pre-fixed Ummul Qura Calendar date.** Other members of this now infamous group implied in their press release that they had fasted the next day whilst in the Haramain when Muslims all around them were celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr. **Therefore, the notable Aalim-e-deen also clarified to everyone that he did not fast on Eid-ul-Fitr and prayed Salat-ul-Eid in Masjid al-Nabawi, sallallahu alaihi wassallam.**

Brothers and Sisters this kind of falsehood is regarded as a game by Shi'ites and their brain washing techniques force you to follow their anti-Sunnah methods. We request Zaireen to take care and not to be ensnared in their trap against Deene Islam. Let us pray to Allah SWT that he keep all the followers of the Sunnah on the Siraat-al-Mustaqeem and save our Brothers (the Zaireene Haramain Sharifain) from UK not to become pawns used against the Sunnah and Sirate Mustaqeem Ameen,

Click to see announcement of Zilhijjah 1432H

ذو الحجہ ۱۴۳۲ ہجری کے چاند کی رویت کے متعلق ملک کریں
نوٹ: اردو پمفلٹ کے لئے کلک کریں جو مساجد کو بھی روانہ کیا گیا ہے

DHUL-HAJJ **THE MONTH OF DHUL-QAYAD**
HAD 29 DAYS

Shariah Compliant Islamic Date Calendar The Islamic Week Starts Every Friday

First of DHUL-HAJJ 1432AH
 Commenced on the evening of Thursday 27th October 2011

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
1 28 th Oct. 2011	2 29	3 30	4 31	5 1 st Nov. 2011	6 2	7 3
8 4	9 5	10 6	11 7	12 8	13 9	14 10
15 11	16 12	17 13	18 14	19 15	20 16	21 17
22 18	23 19	24 20	25 21	26 22	27 23	28 24
29 25	30* 26					

* Subject to the new moon not being seen at the end of the 29th day
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 29th day, please contact us to report a sighting.

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