



Eid United

Alhamdulillah almost all Muslims of UK celebrated Eidul Fitr on same day – Sunday 19th August 2012. Those who follow Central Moon sighting Committee of Great Britain (CMCGB) completed 30 days of Ramadhan, and those who follow others had 29 days of Ramadhan. Despite our division at the start of Ramadhan, we managed to get united for its end.

Our readers will be happy to learn that over 90 % of world's Muslims, in 75 countries (according to Moon-sighting.com) celebrated the Eid on the same day, Sunday 19th August. Of those 75 countries the hilal was not sighted in 50 countries on 17th August: they simply followed the hilal sighting decisions from Saudi Arabia. Despite the fact that in many of these countries, hilal wasn't and couldn't be sighted according to the astronomical predictions, they chose to be united with the holy land for celebrating Eidul Fitr. There must be thousands of Scholars, Muftis, and Jurists in these 50 countries who understand the implication of the hadith that instructs to end Ramadhan by sighting hilal, yet they followed Saudi decisions just to maintain solidarity and unity in Ummah internationally. Over 90 % of Deobandi Muslims of UK are united with Haramain Hilal Dates by following the hilal announcement from CMCGB who make hilal decision after receiving news of hilal decision from Saudi Arabia.

Reliability of Calculations & Visibility Charts

How much should we rely upon Astronomical Calculations and visibility charts predicting hilal sighting probabilities? Some modern scientific 'Ulama and Muftis' would like to place total and unequivocal reliance upon these calculations. They regard them to be qatai or absolute truth. Hence they scrutinise all claims of hilal sighting in light of these calculations, and if the claim contradicts calculations, they will reject it no matter how many pious Muslims claim to have sighted the hilal. They have gone too far from the direct implication of the very authentic Hadith Ummi which says – 'we are illiterate ummah, we neither write nor calculate' when it comes to moon sighting. We must not use or rely upon visibility predictions and calculations.

This year, Allah, the Creator of the universe, has shown that He can enable hilal sighting for Ramadhan and Eid even against the calculated predictions. **More than half of all sighting reports received this year falsified predictions by Astronomical calculations and visibility charts.** Here is some example:-

1. The very first Eid hilal was sighted by FIVE Muslims in China on Friday 17th August, **BEFORE ITS CALCULATED BIRTH** as predicted by Astronomers' calculations. This sighting was accepted by local Ulama as genuine – it was **TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE** to sight the hilal according to calculated prediction, yet our Creator has proved their calculations to be fallible.
2. Second report, sighting again on 17th August in Waziristan Pakistan, where SEVEN pious Muslims, including three Huffaaz of Qur'an, sighted the Eid hilal **BEFORE ITS CALCULATED BIRTH**. Although predicted to be **TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE**, these sighting claims were regarded to be genuine after thorough scrutiny by panel of over two dozen strict Deobandi Ulama and Muftis, and Eid was celebrated on that basis by over 500,000 Muslims.
3. First report of naked eye sighting of Eid hilal on 18th August was received from Fiji – impossible to see hilal without telescope according to visibility charts. Scrutinised and declared genuine by Deobandi Ulama. The calculated prediction was again proved to be wrong





4. Second sighting report, on 18th August, was from New Zealand, where sighting was deemed impossible without telescope. Witnesses were scrutinised and declared genuine by strict Deobandi Ulama, and again the calculated prediction was proved to be wrong.
5. Eid Hilal was also sighted on 18th August in Australia, near Melbourne and Darwin, where sighting was declared to be impossible without telescope.
6. Eid hilal was sighted on 18th August in three different regions of Indonesia, country with largest population of Muslims. Sighting claims were authenticated by local Ulama and Hilal Committees, and Eid was announced.
7. Hilal was also sighted on 18th August in many areas around Peshawar by 24 Muslims, authenticated by Provincial Hilal Committee's strict Deobandi Ulama and Muftis. This sighting was declared to be **TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE**, even with telescope, by calculations and visibility charts.
8. Eid hilal was sighted in Iran on 18th August, declared to be **TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE** even by using telescope. Once again, charts and Astronomical calculations were rejected.
9. Eid hilal was sighted in Oman, and was accepted as authentic by local Jurists and Scholars, although it was predicted as impossible to see it without Telescope.
10. Eid Hilal sighted by many in Sri Lanka on 18th August. This was accepted as authentic by the national Hilal committee, although it was deemed impossible to see without telescope.
11. Ramadhan hilal was sighted in Nigeria by 12 adult Muslims in four different cities on Thursday 19th July. Hilal Committee of Ngeria accepted these witnesses as authentic and decided start of Ramadhan from Friday 20th July. It was **TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE** to see hilal in Nigeria according to Astronomical calculations and visibility charts.
12. Ramadhan hilal was also sighted on Thursday 19th July in two different areas of Saudi Arabia. After scrutinising witnesses, and acting in accordance with the Sharai rules, the Chief Justice accepted the sighting claim as genuine although it was **TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE** to see hilal according to visibility calculations.
13. Ramadhan Fasting also began in Zambia and Zimbabwe after local hilal sighting on Thursday 19th July as listed on Moon sighting.com, although sighting was **TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE** according to Astronomical calculations.
14. Ramadhan also began in Waziristan area by local hilal sighting on Thursday 19th July, although sighting was **TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE** according to Astronomical calculations.

Although Ramadhan hilal was seen on 19th July only in six countries including Saudi Arabia, Ramadhan began in 70 countries, of which 52 began Ramadhan from that date just because their great Ulama and Muftis have complete confidence in the hilal decision taken by the Chief Justice of Saudi Arabia. These great Scholars have more knowledge and piety than those in UK who doubt in the authenticity of hilal sighting in Saudi Arabia.

We mentioned these sighting claims to point out the fact that ASTRONOMICAL CALCULATIONS are not qatai or absolute truth as some people would like us to believe. If all these countries depended upon visibility charts and calculations, and thereby rejected sighting claims, they would have fasted on Eid day which is totally haraam and prohibited, and they would have missed Fardh Fast of 1st Ramadhan.

This should be an eye opener for those Ulama and Muftis who reject Haramain Hilal Dates just because Saudi Arabia accepts sighting claims 'lightly'. Remember, the very pious and learned Chief Justice in Riyadh decides and rules only according to noble Shariah even if sighting is totally against calculations. Their strict adherence to Shariah rules is vouched by many great Muftis including Mufti Taqi Usmani saheb.

It should also be noted that, although Eid hilal was sighted in Pakistan and China **BEFORE** its predicted birth, **If, by chance, hilal was sighted in Saudi Arabia before its calculated birth, and accepted by the Saudi Chief Justice, then those who promote use of calculations, they would have declared an all out open**





'war' against such Saudi decision instead the silent!

Isn't this a proof that they simply work to defame Shariah Rule of our Holy Land under the disguise of attempting to follow Shariah 'better than them', and in doing so, they have created a definite hatred against Saudi hilal decisions in the hearts of young Muslims, who now doubt the acceptability of their ibadaat even when they are in Haramain Sharifain. As an evidence for this, we see many youths and 'educated' folks go for Umrah after first Ramadhan, and they leave the Holy land a day before Eid, fearing that Saudi's alleged 'wrong' hilal decisions will affect their ibadaat. Who is responsible for these innocent Muslims missing out on highly virtuous first Fast and the virtues of the night of first Shawaal?

We should fear Allah follow teachings of His Messenger s.a.w, and hold fast to Shariah rules that were followed by our predecessors over last 1400 years. That will keep us united, and that will maintain sanctity of Haramain Sharifain in our hearts and minds. The Global Muslim ummah has shown that they are happy with Saudi hilal decisions. We are no wiser than them. Why should we break away from them?

Our Nabi s.a.w never intended that we get fragmented on the issue of Moon sighting. He made it very clear by saying in an authentic Hadith to mean 'Begin Fast the day when majority start Fasting, Eid on the day when they celebrate the Eid, and Hajj on the day when they go for Hajj'. We have to be with the majority of Muslim ummah nationally and globally. This year's Ramadhan and Eid hilal reports, decisions, and acceptance by the ummah world over has shown that we cannot rely upon calculations, we have to hold fast to the teachings of Qatai sources of Quran, Ahaadith, and ijmaa of Ummah at all times, now and in future, just as our predecessors did. This year's hilal reports have made it clear beyond any doubt that calculations and predictions cannot and must not be relied upon. Our Prophet s.a.w, said so.

If we move away from these original sources, ummah will be fragmented, our hearts will be divided, our ibadaat will be doubted, our spirits will die, and we will be annihilated. Allah will be displeased and He will uproot our existence. Do we want that?

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