



## Ramadan, Muslims and the Olympic games! / For Friday Khutba

No doubt, most people are waiting anxiously to see and watch the Olympic games in London on coming July 27 till 12 August.

However, as the Olympic games will occur in the middle 2 weeks of Ramadan, I feel it might be useful to remind the Muslims about the many HARAMS and the many unIslamic behaviour which will be done by some Muslims, so we can avoid it, insha'ALLAH, during this great holy month: RAMADAN.

The start of the fasting month of Ramadan this year might be on 20 July (obviously according to the sighting of the moon) till 19 August (again according to the sighting of the moon).

So the Olympic games are happening in the middle two weeks (heart) of Ramadan???

Will the Olympic games affect the fasting Muslims and their Islamic belief and behaviour during Ramadan (Muslim players, Muslim viewers in the Olympic Stadium and the majority of the Muslim viewers at home who will be watching day and night the TV in the UK and abroad)?

Allow me now to mention briefly the many sins and the many disobediences to ALLAH and Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) with the many non-Islamic practices during the Olympic games, which will make a lot of Muslims deprived from the spirit of Ramadan???

To add: some Health hazards occurring during the Olympic games.

I do realise that many people will consider this article as a NEGATIVE contribution towards this exciting joyful big event:

THE OLYMPIC GAMES...but I feel it is my duty as a Muslim to do this humble reminder;

-First: The whole **principle** of the Olympic games is based on NATIONALISM and "Tribalism" and getting too much obsessed with defending your own country and its flag... (the new JAHILIAH)

-Second: **The loss of many Islamic practices among many of the Muslim players and the Muslim viewers inside the Stadium:**

- Many will be breaking their fast deliberately?...this is very serious! and is criminal as Islam has clarified clearly who is allowed to break his fast? Surely sport can not be a reason to be exempted from fasting?

It will be heart-breaking to hear about an odd fatwa to allow the players to break their fast!

- Not praying or not praying regularly and as it should be. (big crime especially in Ramadan)
- Not in the mosques for the 5 daily prayers and Esha and Tarawih ..
- Reading less the Qur'an
- The difficulty of not finding halal meat and food, as almost the whole administration of the Olympic is done by non-Muslims.

- Difficulty of having halal Iftar or to have easy handy SUHUR
- Exposed to more free mixing
- More exposure to see haram women's flesh and sexy or half naked women(Adultery in the eyes in Ramadan)
- High temptation to commit adultery(50 000 sex workers will be provided during the Olympic???)
- Alcohol served and people drinking around.. they can become drunk abusive violent and racist?
- Contributing to the facilitation of gambling which are related to many games and done by many public
- It is not allowed in Islam to beat/punch repeatedly the face/head as in Boxing, besides ,the British medical association(BMA) has repeatedly asked before,on medical and health grounds , to ban boxing as it damages physically the brain and can kill sometimes
- Some Muslim women will appear half naked or showing flesh in many games and many without hijab...very sinful,especially in Ramadan.
- If any Muslim player fasts,it will be a health hazard and dangerous in competing in harsh exhausting games?

THE ORGANISERS OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES WERE WRONG TO FIX IT IN THE MIDDLE OF RAMADAN....?

As THIS WILL AFFECT BADLY THE MUSLIM PLAYERS ,THE MUSLIM VIEWERS INSIDE THE STADIUM AND THE MUSLIM VIEWERS AT HOME AND ABROAD!

Third: **The big loss of many Islamic practices among the Muslim viewers at home(UK/abroad):**

- Missing some prayers and Tarawih ,especially in the mosques
- Reading less the Qur'an
- Watching haram flesh and half naked women in different games
- Glued to TV:day and night...loosing the spirit and the target of Ramadan(Worship,a lot of prayers,Qur'an,Islamic education,Da'wa etc...)
- Wasting a lot of times..this is sinful as on the day of Judgment,every one will be asked how did he/she utilise his/her time during their life?
- Some "muslims" might be tempted to get involved in gambling regarding the winner of any game...

#### **OTHER DRAWBACKS AND PROBLEMS:**

##### **Health hazards:**

- Abuse of alcohol among most non Muslims in the Stadium and outside.
- Leading to more violence/fighting/physical injuries and the filling more of Casualties(A & E) in many hospitals
- A new extra epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases ,because of the high temptation and the availability of many sex workers Already and without the Olympic,we do have about 500 000 new cases of sexually transmitted diseases every year??? Thus filling more our clinics and hospitals and "sucking our medical resources" and cause more suffering to people This immoral sex will lead also to unwanted pregnancies,abortion or illegitimate children....
- The increase in overweight and obesity among all the viewers as they all will be glued to the TV day and night?

- Psychological traumas when your player/team loses?
- Some players do abuse hormonal/metabolic drugs which are harmful to health.
- Loss of femininity and rise of masculinity in the bodies of some women due to the strenuous continuous hard training and competitions

and the rise of testosterone hormones...:

Some do develop masculine characters like: muscular body, male shaped, growing a bit of moustache/beard, male-like voice, cessation of the menstruation and interference with ovulation and fertility..?

### **The Big loss of our taxpayers money**

Already the cost of the Olympic building has multiplied to about 4 times the original cost, nearly £9.2 billions ?

At a time when we have millions without jobs and more people becoming unemployed, more high prices and poverty especially child poverty, more closure of hospitals, cutting many benefits etc...

The gigantic bill for the Olympic games should have been used first for the survival of millions of the British public, as a matter of priority!

On top of that big bill, to pay extra the HIGH BILL for security and making a lot of people apprehensive and living in fear...?terrorist attack?

It is important to say that London/UK always do get a lot of tourists in July/summer which do help the economy, this is happening all the times and before the Olympic .

But we have to admit that the Olympic will increase more the visitors..

Please do not get me wrong:

Islam supports many sports, but within Islamic ethical guidelines and without doing any haram, and without "sabotaging" the holy month of Ramadan!

Islam fully support strong healthy body, and the training for self defence, so one can practice Islam and worship ALLAH in a better way...

In early Islam, it was prescribed: swimming, horse riding and the learning how to shoot a target..as well as running and jogging and wrestling....

Finally:

Let us all remember that the saying of the final Prophet Muhammad(pbuh) :

"IS FAR FAR AWAY(A LOSER) WHO WITNESS RAMADAN AND HIS/HER SINS WERE NOT FORGIVEN!"

Ramadan Karim!

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