

New Fatwa From Darul Ifta Riyadh Saudi Arabiyah

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From Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah Aale Sheikh to the respected brother Fadhilahtus Shaikh Yaqoob bin Ahmad Miftahi, General Secretary Hizbul Ulama UK and the Central Moonsighting Comittee.

Salamun Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh

In reference to your correspondence / request for Fatwa on the issue of how the Moonsighting is determined every lunar month and whether there has been a change in the way it is determined.

I notify you that the determination of the Lunar month is based on the Shariah based naked eye sighting, and is not based upon calculation in determining the starting of the month and there has been no change in the situation.

May Allah grant you Tawfeeq, and help us and you too towards all good.

Was salamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh. (Signed)

Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia

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