



In The Name of Allah, The Most Beneficent, The Most Merciful

# The Moon Sighting

## THE MONTHLY



Shariah Compliant Islamic Date Calendar

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### Fatwa (5) Darul Ifta Nadwatul Ulamaa Lukhnow, India

The system of having a calendar did exist during the time of Rasoolullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم whereby the Jews used to use one. Despite this, the verbal as well as physical practice of Rasoolullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم both prove that only the physical sighting of the moon is a reliable indication to the ending of a month. His statements would rather serve as a rejection of astronomy based calculations whereby he said: *Begin and end your Fasting with the sighting of the moon, إنما أمة أمية لا تكتب ولا تحسب الشهر هكذا وهكذا* *We are an illiterate nation. We do not know how to write or count. A month will have either 29 or 30 days.*

All the other related Ahaadith prove that the moon should be physically sighted without depending on calculations of any sort. Thus only the physical sighting of the moon will be acceptable and not the use of a calendar system.

And Allah Ta'aala Knows Best

(Head Mufti) Masuood Hasan Hasani

Answer Confirmed as Correct

(Mufti) Niyaz Ahmed Nadvi

Daarul Iftaa, Nadwatul Ulamaa Lukhnow

17 Rabe'ul Awwal 1430

### فتویٰ (۵) دارالافتاء ندوۃ العلماء لکھنؤ

(الجرور) (المصوب)؛ نبی کریم ﷺ کے زمانہ میں کینڈر کا نظام (خاص طور پر یہود کا کینڈر) نظام جس کو آپ نے بھی ثابت کیا ہے) موجود تھا، لیکن اس کے باوجود آپ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے قول و عمل دونوں چاند کی رؤیت کو مہینہ کی تکمیل کے لئے معتبر قرار دیتے ہیں اور (فلکی) حساب و کتاب کار د کرتے ہیں (صوموا لرؤیتہ افطروا لرؤیتہ) اور دوسری حدیث میں ہے (انامۃ امیۃ لا تکتب ولا تحسب..... بخاری کتاب الصوم) اور دوسری تمام احادیث صریح طور پر چاند کے دیکھنے اور (فلکی) حساب و کتاب پر اعتبار نہ کرنے پر دال ہیں، لہذا رؤیت ہی معتبر ہوگی، کینڈر (فلکی حسابات) کا اعتبار نہ ہوگا۔ فقط

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### World Ramdhan 1430h

#### World-wide dates for 1<sup>st</sup> Ramdhan 1430AH in Different Countries

With thank for some help of Dr. Shaukat Moonsighting .com

#### 10 Countries on Friday, August 21, 2009

These countries all pre-fixed their dates using calculated New Moon theories, including Turkey.

#### 46 Countries on Saturday, August 22, 2009

Some announced Ramdhan on the eve of 29<sup>th</sup> using naked eye moon sighting & some had completed 30 days of Shaban including ; UK, France, Spain, Italy, USA, Canada, China, Egypt, Morocco, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Senegal, Singapore, Sudan Yemen, Pakistan (Sarhad areas by naked eye moon sighting) & India (Kerala state by naked eye moon sighting), Saudi Arabia (as announced by the New Authority to try to sight the Ramdhan moon as opposed to using Metonic calculations. Note they also announced the sighting in the near past for Jumada al-Thani & Shabaan 1430 (4witnesses) against this calculation as well and this is the practical proof that they strictly follow the principle of Thoobute-Hilal sighting as established by Prophet SAW)

#### 3 Countries on Sunday, August 23, 2009

Bangladesh, India (Kerala on Saturday), Pakistan (Sarhad on Saturday).

#### Shawwal 1430h:

Duration: September-October 2009

THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN HAD 29 DAYS (The Islamic week starts every Friday)

First of Shawwal 1430h is commenced on the eve of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
		1 <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup> September '09	2 21	3 22	4 23	5 24
6 25	7 26	8 27	9 28	10 29	11 30	12 <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> October '09
13 2	14 3	15 4	16 5	17 6	18 7	19 8
20 9	21 10	22 11	23 12	24 13	25 14	26 15
27 16	28 17	29 18	30* 19			

\* Subject to the new moon **not** being seen at the end of the 29 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 for the new moon crescent at the end of the 29<sup>th</sup> day, please contact us to report a sighting

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#### World-wide dates for Eid-ul-Fitr 1430h in Different Countries

1 Country On Saturday, September 19, 2009

Libya, Fixed with calculated New moon Birth

60 Countries on Sunday, September 20, 2009

Some had been sighted the moon on the eve of 29<sup>th</sup> & some had completed 30 days of Ramdhan, including UK, USA, India (Kerala state by naked eye moon sighting), Pakistan (Sarhad by naked eye moon sighting), Saudi Arabia (naked eye moon sighting made in different areas disproving the theory of calculated new moon birth & it's visibility method. this is the practical proof that they strictly follow the principle of Thoobute-Hilal sighting as established by Prophet SAW)

12 Countries on Monday, September 21, 2009

Including Morocco, India, Pakistan (by Government), Bangladesh.