



Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain

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CLARIFICATION OF MUFTI ABDUR RAHIM Lajpuri 'S FATWA (Rh)

Translation from page 417..., Vol9 of Fataawa Rahimiah regarding Moon Sighting

The Unanimous Decision

Islamic Cultural Centre London

Date 15th July 1978

Muslims of Britain are expressing their agreement that the method used for the Ru'yate Hilal for Ramadhan and Eidain will be that as **shown in the Prophet's (s.) Sunnah**. The method for this will be as follows:

- Attempts for sighting the crescent will be in light of **Geographical Probability**, and a Committee of **Scholars** will attempt to sight the Crescent using an Aeroplane.
- If the Crescent is not sighted by following the **above mentioned Method**, then the **news** of Testimony based on Shariah Rule from an **'Islamic' Country** will be relied upon. And **Ru'yate Hilal Committee** will announce the Crescent sighting in light of **(a) or (b)** above, and it will be fully advertised on a wide scale so that **in the entire British islands** Ramadhan can be commenced and ended on **one day**.

Signed by Members of the Committee:

Dr. M A Zaki Badawi; Mufti Abdul Baqi; Abul Mahmud Nishtar; Dr. Khalid Mahmud;
Muhammad Ibrahim Desai; Abdul Wahab Siddiqi; Nisar Ahmed; Shaikh Zaharan;
Dr. Sharif Ahmed Sahebzada; Maqbool Ahmed; M Masroor Ahmed; Misbah Zada; Sohaib Hassan;
Shahed Reza; Mahmud Ahmed; M Nazim Adil; Dr. S M Darsh.

Ru'yate Hilal Committee Conference

Jamiate Ulama Britain.

16th July 1978, 2 PM.

Chairman – Hadhrat Moulana Mufti Sayyed Abdur Rahim Saheb Lajpuri.

The above mentioned Unanimous Agreement of 15th July 1978 from Islamic Centre London was read out at this Conference. **All Members of Ru'yate Hilal Committee (who were present) agreed with it and declared it to be correct.** Apart from the Committee Members, all those Senior Ulama who were present at this meeting also confirmed their total agreement.

Sinatures of Senior Ulama :

Mufti Moulana Zainul Abedin; Muhammad Raza Ajmeri; Mufti Abdur Rahim Lajpuri;
Moulana Abdul Hannan; Moulana Abrar Ahmed Dhulyavi; Moulana Yusuf Motala;
Manzur Ahmed Chinyoti.

Signatures of Members of Committee :

Abdul Baqi; Fateh Muhammad Laher; Ahmed Pandor; Khalid Mahmud;
Musa Qasmi; Yusuf Ahmed Patel mama; Ibrahim Desai; Ibrahim I Nosarka;
Abdul Rashid Rabbani.

Please Note

By; Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain;

1. This decision for method to use for the Crescent Sighting for the whole of UK was agreed upon by Members of the Ru'yate Hilal Committee of Islamic Cultural Centre 146 Park Road, London, on 15th July 1978.
2. It was unanimously agreed upon and endorsed by the most senior Ulama of India and Pakistan, and by Members of Moon Sighting Committee of the Jamiate Ulama Britain at a Meeting on 16th July 1978.
3. It stipulates that attempts should be made to sight the Crescent in light of **Geographical**, and **NOT Observatory Calculated Probability**. It means every town, or city in UK should attempt to sight the Crescent **ON IT'S EVE OF 29TH**.
4. It stipulates that a Committee of **Islamic Scholars (Ulama)** and **NOT Astronomical or Observatory or Scientist experts**, should go out to sight the Hilal.
5. It stipulates that these Scholars may use Aeroplane to fly above clouds to sight the Crescent.
6. If the Crescent is NOT sighted, Ru'yate Hilal Committee is to accept the **News** of sighting.
7. This News of sighting must be from **AN ISLAMIC COUNTRY** and **NOT from any Non Islamic Country like South Africa etc.**
8. That Islamic Country must base its decision after receiving **Testimony of Sighting the Crescent** as prescribed in **``Shariah``(un conditioned with the new moon theory-See the attached Full Fatwa from `Fatawa RahimiyahV7 including Fatawa of all Ahlussunah Waljamaaah including Deoband , Deobandi Darul Ifta and Bareilvi Darul Ifta with fasil Bareilvi Maulana Ahmed Raza Khan – (excluding Sheeah)- see our books about in our website).**
9. It stipulates that it is the duty of (National) **Ru'yate Hilal Committee** that should announce the Hilal decision.
10. It also clarifies the objective for doing this, that **Ramadhan is commenced and ended on the same day all over British Isles.**

Those people who are misleading the public by saying that this agreement is a Fatwa from Mufti Abdur Rahim Saheb, **allowing them to follow Observatory calculations must read this again and again.** As you can see

- - It mentions **Geographical** and **NOT Mathematically Calculated / Observatory Predicted probability** of Crescent sighting.
- - It asks **Ulama** and **NOT Astronomy/Observatory experts** to make attempts to sight the Crescent.
- - It suggests Ulama of National Ru'yate Hilal Committee to decide on the Sighting.

○ - It has NEVER mentioned that sighting can be accepted ONLY if Observatory calculations and Astronomy Experts approve the sighting probability, or that the decision must be made after taking their opinions.

○ - It also explicitly mentioned that the news MUST be from ANY ISLAMIC COUNTRY, and South Africa, ReUnion, Mauritius, etc. are not YET Islamic Countries.

○ - It suggests that the Islamic Country concerned should follow ``Shariah Rule`` (and note to follow the rule of before Islam such as Meton`s theory 431bc and Rabbai Halel 2nd 358ce`s Tahreef in the Deene Moosa which is un Islamic and against Prophet of Islam`S sayings(SAW) and practice, together Khulfae Rashedin including all Sahabah Kiram & Tabe`een (Ridwanullah AA).)

○ - It is clear from this that our Shariah has NOT conditioned the Hilal Decision upon Observatory calculated probability: on the contrary, the authentic Hadith Ummi of Prophet s.a.w. PROHIBITS us to depend upon any calculation, and ordains us to decide after actual sighting of the Hilal IRRESPECTIVE of the Observatory predictions.

○ - Alhamdulillah, we, the Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain, follow sighting decision from Saudi Arabia as Fatawa of Muftiyane Kiram whose Judges are extremely careful and they strictly follow Shariah Law (to gather local sighting of UK).

○ - This agreement of 16th July 1978 openly shows that the great Muftiyane Kiram of that time endorsed the agreement, and, thereby, they approved us to follow Saudi Arabia because it is the only major Islamic Country in the world who follow full Islamic Law (Shariah). This Agreement is definitely not approving to follow other countries like South Africa, ReUnion, Mauritius, etc. as they are not Islamic Countries and their Muslim organisations do NOT strictly follow Shareeah Law too: instead they follow Astronomical Imkaane Ru'yah (sighting possibility) in deciding and accepting Shahadah for Thuboot Hilal; the same situation exists in Morocco too. That is why in remote desert areas, they follow their own sighting (usually coinciding with Saudi's) where as Cities follow delayed sightings as they agree with Visibility Charts predictions.

○ - To judge Sighting Testimony in light of Astronomical predictions is against Shariah: this agreement prescribes actual sighting or news of actual sighting from An Islamic Country; it is agreed unanimously by these great Jurists and Ulama specifically Hadhrat Mufti Abdur Rahim saheb, Hadhrat Mufti Ajmeri Saheb, Hadhrat Mufti Zainul Abedin Saheb, and other Great Scholars who can not be matched in their adherence to Shariah, Taqwa, and practice of Prophet's s. teachings.

○ - Such a gathering of such Noble Saintly people of this high calibre is impossible on the soil of UK, and we thank Allah that He brought them together to agree on the issue of Hilal Sighting for this Country, so that our future generations can follow their unanimous decision till the day of Qiyamah.

○ - Modern thinkers are now OPENLY preaching NOT TO BOTHER WITH HILAL SIGHTING and instead, follow ``Theoricly Culculations and it`s charts``. This definitely is being practised by the London based opponents of the Central Moon Sighting Committee as it was seen by their rejection of Hilal sighting by a Scholar, a Hafiz, Zakireen, and Saintly Muslims just because their Astronomy

Guru told them that Moon Set was before Sun Set on 29th Sha'ban, and 30th Ramadhan 1431. They instead, followed South Africa (which is `` None Islamic Country ``) and it's sighting news where the new Moon was declared on their 29th Ramadhan by Zohar time, well before Sun set. Do our UK Pundits who are so eager to attack Haramain Sharifain Jurists and Judges, have any comments on this?

Oh those who Believe in Shariah Law as decreed by Allah and practised by our Beloved Prophet SAW. - do they want to accept the unanimous verdict of the above mentioned Great Jurists and be with the great Scholars and vast majority of Practising Muslims of UK today? Or do they want to blindly follow those who have accepted Calculations and Observatory as Imam, and are trying to convince the Pious Muslims of UK with a hundred and one most feeble spider web arguments. They could well succeed Muslims at Margins, but those true Muslims who are well within the Circle of Shariah will never be fooled by their arguments that directly oppose authentic Hadith of Prophet s.a.w. that ordained - we must not follow calculations, instead we must rely on actual sighting, and that is exactly being practised by the Great Fuqahaa of Saudi Arabia, and that is what the above mentioned Great Jurists agreed upon and left full written record for us to follow.

Oh those who Believe the Observatory as Imam, do they think they can justify their belief in the Court of Allah? Are they so confident in their rejection of the Holy Shariah teachings by rejecting actual Hilal sighting of Pious Muslims, just because ``Un Islamic Astronomic rules against Propheticle way of ``Sharee ``Thuboote Hilal doesn't agree with it? Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilaihi Rajeoon

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