

Sighting of the Moon by Islamic Law or Calculated Observatorial Law !

From the Observatory

It is not possible to see the Crescent Moon before the calculated New Moon time nor is it possible to sight moon before 15 hours from this calculated New Moon time.

They further say :-

" The eyes are not reliable instruments for making such observations."

Facts & Figures

The observatorial calculated New Moon time on 27th May, 1987 was at 4.22pm. According to the above law the crescent moon should have been sighted 15 hours after this calculated New Moon time.

But however, the crescent moon was sighted at the sunset time on 27th May, 1987, which makes the Crescent Moon 5 hours old. This is in direct conflict with the observatorial calculated law.

Proof

The 17 persons listed below sighted the First Hilal of Shawwal 1407H on Wednesday 27th May, 1987, after Salat-ul-Maghrib, 13 persons in Blackburn, Lancashire, and 4 persons in Batley, Yorkshire.

The witnesses in Blackburn took part in an Islamic Oath Ceremony conducted by Mufti Ahmed Devlawala and signed in the presence of Musal-le-a-ne-Kiram and Ulema, namely Maulana Ismail Manubari, Maulana Yakub Sheikh Devlawala, Maulana Yakub Kavi Bariwala, Maulana Ismail Makodia, Maulana Yakub Miftahi.

The 13 people who sighted the Moon in Blackburn on the 27th May, 1987.

1. Haji Yakub Hafezi Issa Deghamwala 2. Haji Ibrahim Bharucha 3. Mohammed Safi Mow. I. Manubari 4. Haji Vali Ikharwala 5. Ibrahim Musa Natha 6. Ali Kachwala 7. Ismail Musa Kamboliwala 8. Altaf Haji Ibrahim Bharucha 9. Haji Mohammed Hanif Sufi Saheb 10. Mushtaque Ebrahim Bharucha 11. Mohammed Hanif Chodri 12. Najma Altaf Bharucha 13. Fatma Adam Deghami

The witnesses in Batley, Yorkshire also took part in an Islamic Oath Ceremony conducted by Maulana Ismail Manubari, Maulana Ismail Makodia and Maulana Yakub Miftahi, in the presence of Hafiz Faruque Patel, Mr Mohammad Chipda and Mr. A. A. Divan.

The 4 people who sighted the Moon in Batley on the 27th May, 1987

1. Mr. Abdul Hai Dawood 2. Sadique Ismail Patel 3. Mr. Ashraf Divan 4. Mr. Faruque Baser

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, we must follow the true guidance for Moon Sighting Issues through the *Islamic Law* clearly shown by *Prophet Mohammad, prayer and peace be upon him.*

The Islamic Law forbids us to follow observatorial forecasts, and promotes sighting of the moon on the 29th of Islamic Months by the naked eye, otherwise complete 30 days of the month.

N.B. We have a record of names of all the Ulema and witnesses together with their signatures

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