



# Central Moon-Sighting Committee of Great Britain

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## Moon-sighting Testimony for New Moon of Ramadhan 1431 seen in Birmingham, UK

**Assalamu Alaikum WR/WB, Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

The CMCg of Britain are pleased to inform you that a five-man delegation, consisting of two members of Jamiat-e-Ulama Britain, two members of Rabeta-ul-Ulama Batley, and one committee member of Indian Muslim Welfare Society Batley, travelled to Birmingham on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 to meet three witnesses to a moon sighting made on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 for Ramadhan 1431h.

*Alhamdulillah, the delegation took a signed Testimony from three Muslim brothers who all attested to their having sighted the first crescent Moon of Ramadhan 1431 on the evening of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in Birmingham, UK at about 9 PM. In their signed statement they state very clearly that they saw the crescent moon and a nearby star for up to two-minutes before it was obscured by moving clouds. They were completely clear that it was the crescent moon they had seen and not something else such as an aircraft or clouds or a bird or some other heavenly object.*

**The original signed document is now with the Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain** (Jamiatul Ulama Britain, Darul Uloom Bury, Hizbul Ulama UK) and its contents are as follows:

### Moon Sighting Testimony

made this day on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 20.30hrs by:

**Moulana Mohamadullah, Hafiz Mohammed Saeed and Haji Md. Faizur Rahman**

We, the above named Moulana Mohamadullah, Hafiz Mohammed Saeed, and Haji Mohammad Faizur Rahman, do hereby give Testimony/Shahaadat that, on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 Tuesday after Maghrib Salaat upon coming out onto the Car Park of Birmingham Markaz Mosque (Madina Masjid), facing Adderley Road at around 9 PM, did all sight the Hilal-Moon crescent of Ramadhan 1431. We give this Testimony/Shahaadat believing it to be true and factual and without any force or pressure from anybody. We all have previous experience of sighting the New Moon Crescent and what we saw was the New-Moon and nothing but the New-Moon for Ramadhan 1431.

**Statement signed and attested by:**

1. (Moulana) Mohammadullah *ml* 2. Mohammed Saeed Ahmed *SA* 3. Mohammed Faizur Rahman *MF*

**Testimony signing witnessed by:**

1. (Moulana) Hussain of Bradford *Hussain* 2. (Moulana) Ibrahim Variawa of Batley *Ibrahim*  
3. Hafiz Irfan Daji of Batley *Irfan* 4. (Moulana) Dr. Dadibhai of Dewsbury *Dadibhai*  
5. Haji Qamare Alam of Bradford *Haji* 6. Mohammad Haque of Birmingham *Mohammad*  
7. Mohammad Sajid Ali of Birmingham *SA*

Now that Shar'ee evidence of a New Moon-sighting here in Britain on the 29<sup>th</sup> Shaban 1431 (Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010) has been firmly and unequivocally established, there is no scope whatsoever for those who use observatory visibility charts and predictions to continue rejecting the 1st fast of Ramadhan 1431h being on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2010. This is also clarified by Shar'ee Nosus and Fatawa including the latest Fatawa as below:

- It is not correct to apply the astronomical 'Imkane Ruyat calculation' in order to support Shar'ee Thoobute Hilal** (ie. the decision of establishing the 1<sup>st</sup> date of the month by moon sighting and if not seen then completing 30 days).
- Similarly it is not permissible to support the rejection of a sighting or apply the condition of 'Jamme Ghafeer'** (ie. to only accept sighting witnesses on the eve of the 29th day if deemed possible by observatorial charts and calculations).
- It is not correct to add the condition of 'Jamme Ghafeer' on the eve 29<sup>th</sup> where bad weather makes it difficult to sight the moon according to the new moon theory.** (ie. By only accepting sightings if there were many witnesses in such cases)

**Please note it is important for those who started their fasting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010 to make up for one missed fast according to Shar'iah rules.**

**More about this testimony**

All three brothers are mature, responsible, sane and adhere to Shar'iah rules in their lives. They all have sunnah beards, sunnah clothes and Ashaabe-tartib of salaah and have never been in trouble with the Police or had Court proceedings or Criminal Records against them. All are healthy individuals with good eye-sight and have never worn spectacles to aid near or distant vision.

They also have previous experience of sighting the new-crescent Moon and all three live in Birmingham. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 they attended the weekly Mash'warah held in Birmingham Markaz on Adderley Road. After praying Maghrib Salaah, and having prayed two Rakaah sunnah they went outside to look for the crescent Moon as per the practice of Rasullah (SAW), the sky had patches of cloud along with clear skies.\*

*\*(Please note successful moon sighting in cloudy skies is not an unusual occurrence and such sightings have also been accepted by experts in astronomical calculations. For example the Hilal of Shawwal 1429 sighted on the evening of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Little Rock, Arkansas, USA by 2 Huffaz or the 1<sup>st</sup> moon of Dhul-hajjah 1410 sighted on the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> May 1993 by 2 persons at Central Masjid, Belgrave Road, Birmingham, UK. More recorded sightings can be found in our book 'Hilal Judgment on Moon Sighting According to Shariah' pg.96 at [www.hizbululama.org.uk](http://www.hizbululama.org.uk).)*

One of the three brothers is a qualified Aalim and teaches in the local Madrasah. Another is a Hafiz of Qur'an and the third has spent most of his life in the work of D'awah. Other Muslims in Birmingham testify to their good standing, honesty, and truthfulness. One of those who authenticated their character was **Shaikh Abdur- Rab** who is an Imam and Principal of Hazrat Khadijatul Kubra Islamic Girls School & Madrasah, at 18 Dixone Road, Small Heath, Birmingham. Shaikh Abdur Rab is also a Khalifa of Maulana Fidaurrahman Darkhasti and Maulana Hasan Bodhanwi sa. . Shaikh Abdur- Rab had also taken verbal Shahaadah from these brothers on the first of Ramadhan 1431 and knows them personally being totally clear that their statement of having sighted the new Moon on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010, is completely true.

After speaking to them at length, the members of our delegation were unanimously convinced about the truthfulness and authenticity of their claim of having sighted the new Moon. This testimony has yet again established beyond all doubt that the new Moon-sighting for 1<sup>st</sup> of Ramadhan 1431 in Saudi Arabia was totally genuine and correct. Those in the UK who belittle the ability of Muslims in Saudi Arabia to provide honest reports of moon-sighting and instead choose to rely on observatory-based visibility charts, calculation tables, prediction methods and other such postulations, have again had their arguments well and truly shattered by another moon-sighting testimony in Britain. Indeed such sightings, which disprove observatorial moon-sighting theories, are a regular occurrence and for posterity are recorded in detail on our website. The Ramadhan 1431 moon sighting in Saudi Arabia was also supported by other sightings that took place around the world, including by 5 Ulama in Yemen, in Algeria, in 2 places in Indonesia, in 10 places in Nigeria, by 3 people in Ghana and by the 3 brothers in Birmingham, UK. They comprehensively prove beyond any doubt that according to the Shariah-based moon-sighting method, Ramadhan 1431 commenced on the evening of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 with the first fast being Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

Dear brother and sisters, the Hadith of Rasulullah (SAW) explicitly instructs us to sight the new Moon with the naked eye and without reference to observatory calculations, global visibility charts and other theories because as demonstrated above, they are completely unreliable and inconsistent. These examples only serve to prove that the moon-sighting method of our Prophet (SAW) stipulated 1400 years ago, is as relevant today as it was then. We pray that Allah (SWT) strengthens our hearts in the Deen of Islam and upholds our resolve to adhere to the Islamic 'Imkane Ru'ya' (unconditioned moon-sighting on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> of each Islamic month) and not follow the false merchants peddling their global visibility charts and moon-sighting theories which were in fact first invented by the idol-worshipping philosopher Meton in 431 CE and further developed by the Jewish Rabbi, Helal the 2<sup>nd</sup> in 358 CE. May Allah continue to guide us set in our hearts the true love for the Sunnah of Rasulullah SAW. Ameen and Wassalam.

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