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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

نحمده ونصلى على رسوله الكريم

MOON SIGHTING IN SHARIAH

The Holy Quran and the Saying of the Holy Prophet “peace and blessing be on him” referred to witnessing, not calculating. Allah Almighty Says:

The month of Ramadan in which was sent down the Quran, the guidance for mankind, the direction and the clear criteria (to judge between right and wrong), so whoever among you witnesses this month, must fast for the whole month... [Al Baqarah Verse 185]

The Holy Prophet “peace and blessing be on him” said:

Do not fast unless you sight the crescent, and do not break your fast till you sight the crescent. [Bukhari V1 Pg 255]

Narrated Sayyiduna Ibn Umar, The Holy Prophet “peace and blessing be on him” said:

الشهر تسع و عشرون ليلة فلا تصوموا حتى تروه فان غم عليكم فأكملوا العدة ثلاثين

The Holy Prophet said, “The month (can be) 29 nights (and days), and do not fast till you see the moon, and if the sky is overcast, then complete as thirty days. [Al Bukhari V1 Pg. 256]

The word Ru’yah means witnessing / seeing with naked eyes thus cannot be taken in their metaphorical meanings (calculation).

The great and authentic Islamic Scholars (4 Schools of thought) have Ijmaa’ (Consensus) on Ru’yah (sighting).

Very few names of scholars, have argued the Fatwa on calculation but their views are rejected by the overwhelming majority of 99.9% of Ulama.

Some people say that we are living in a modern world where all types of technologies are available, in the past they were not such type of facilities, and the ancient Islamic Scholars were uneducated to these facilities.

To say that is an insult to our great knowledgeable ancestors who were minaret of light for the world.

Insistently we urge the Ummah to continue their effort to sight the moon in accordance with the Shariah and the Moon Sighting Committee of Jumma Masjid, because we believe in Moon Sighting, not in Moon Fighting.

Jazaakallah

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