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The Testimony for Ramadhan 1431 Moon Sighting at Birmingham, UK

Assalamu Alaikum WR/WB

Brothers and Sisters; As many people ask us about Testimony we the CMSC of G. Britain are pleased to inform you that a five men delegation consisting of 2 members of Jamiat e Ulama Britain, 2 members of Rabetatul Ulama of Batley, and one Committee member of Indian Muslim Welfare Society Batley, travelled to Birmingham on 18th August 2010 and met the Witnesses.



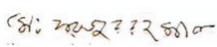
The above delegation has taken signed Testimonial Statements from the three brothers who saw the Crescent Moon of the first of Ramadhan 1431 on the evening of Tuesday 10th August 2010 in Birmingham UK.

All three of them saw the new Moon of the First of Ramadhan 1431 at about 9 PM. They could see the crescent and the nearby star for up to two minutes before it was obscured by the moving clouds. All three of them are fully convinced that it was the new Moon they saw and not anything else like rocket, cloud, bird, star, etc.








Testimony (Date 18.08.2010-8.30 PM)

1. Moulana Mohamadullah 2. Hafiz Mohammed Saeed 3. Haji Md. Faizur Rahman

We the above mentioned Moulana Mohamadullah, Hafiz Mohammed Saeed, and Haji Mohammad Faizur Rahman hereby give Testimony / Shahaadat that on 10th August 2010 Tuesday after Maghrib Salaat we came out of Birmingham Markaz Mosque (Madina Masjid), facing Adderley Road, at about 9 PM, when we all saw the Hilal Moon of Ramadhan 1431 from Masjid Car Park. We give this Testimony / Shahaadat believing it to be true and fact, and without any force or pressure from anybody. We have experience of sighting new Moon in the past, and what we saw was Moon and nothing but the new Moon of Ramadhan 1431 .

1. (Moulana) Mohammadullah 
2. Mohammed Saeed Ahmed 
3. Mohammed Faizur Rahman 

Signed Witness by:

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

NB; The Original Signed Document is with Central Moon Sighting Committee of Great Britain (Jamiatul Ulama Britain, Darul Uloom Bury, Hizbul Ulama UK)

Now that Sharee Evidence of the New Moon sighting here in Britain on 29th Shaban 1431 has been established by the above Testimony, there is no scope for rejecting it on the basis of Observatory predictions, as clarified by Sharee Nosus and Fatawa including latest Fataawa. Here is a copy from one of the latest fatwa :

1. **It is not correct** to apply the astronomic... Imkane Ruyat calculation`` in order to support Shari Thoobute Hilal`` (the Decision for 1st date by moon sighting & if not then 30 day`s completion). Similarly it is not permissible`` to support the rejection of sighting or apply the condition of ``Jamme Ghafeer `` (to accept sighting witnesses on the eve of 29th day because of the theoretical calculation).

3. To add the condition of ``Jamme Ghafeer (sighting by many to accept witnesses) *on the eve of bad weather of that 29th where it is not possible to sight the moon according to the new moon theory `` is not correct*.....(Jamiah Kharod-See the ref. and all fatawa & MMSNL in www.hizbululama.org.uk including releted books)

NB; It would be natural to make Qadha of first Fast for those who did NOT start Ramadhan from Wednesday 11th August

More about this testimony;

All three brothers are mature, responsible, sane, adhering to Shariah rule, with fully grown beards, sunnah clothes, ashaabe tartib of salaah, never had any court proceeding or criminal record, possess good vision and never had to wear spectacles for near or distant vision.

They had previous experience of sighting crescent moon, and they are residents of Birmingham. They attended usual weekly Tuesday Mashwara on 10th August 2010 at Birmingham Markaz on Adderley Road. Soon after Maghrib Salaah, they made quick two Rakaats Sunnah of Maghrib and came out looking for the Crescent.

The sky was cloudy with patches of clear sky between moving clouds (*there are many cases in the past & present days (Ramadhan 1431 at Ghana) for moon sighting in cloudy patches and excepted by Calculation Experts too like the Hilal of Shawwal 1429 sighted on the evening of Monday 29th September 2008 at Little Rock, Arkansas, USA by 2 Huffaz, also 1st moon of Zulhajjah 1410 sighted on the evening of 21st May 1993 by 2 persons at Central Masjid, Belgrave Road, Birmingham, UK (see the detail & their (Sketched graph) scathed Ggraph sent to us in www.hizbululama.org.uk in the book ``Hilal Judgment on Moon Sighting According to Shariah` page 96)*).

1. One of the three brothers is a qualified Aalim and teaches Islam in local Madrasah (2) The second one is Hafiz of Qur'an (3) and the third one has spent most of his life in the work of D'awah. All three brothers are known to other brothers of Birmingham who testified their good standing, honesty, and truthfulness. One of these authenticating brothers is Shaikh Abdur Rab who is Imam of Masjid, and Principal of Hazrat Khadijatul Kubra Islamic Girls School & Madrasah, Small Heath, Birmingham. Shaikh Abdur Rab is also a Khalifa of Maulaa Hasan Bodhanwi sa. Moulana Abdur Rab had also taken verbal Shahaadat from these brothers on first of Ramadhan 1431, He knows them and he is totally convinced that these brothers are true in their claim of having sighted the new Moon on 10th August 2010

After speaking to them at length, all members of our delegation were also convinced about truthfulness and authenticity of their claim of having sighted the new Moon. Although the Observatory calculations, prediction and postulation of sighting improbability would create a doubt in everybody's mind, this authentication has established beyond doubt that the new Moon for 1st of Ramadhan was indeed seen in Saudi Arabiyah, also at Yaman by 5 Ulama, Algeria, Indonesia at 2 places, Nigeria at 10 places, Ghana by 3 persons and at our locality at Birmingham UK by 3 persons as on Tuesday 10th August 2010, and the first fast of Ramadhan was on Wednesday 11th August 2010. The Hadith of Rasulullah (SAW) explicitly instructs us to sight with naked eye, and to ignore calculations. So we follow the Hadith, accept this authenticated Testimony, and regard Wednesday 11th August 2010 as 1st day of Ramadhan 1431.

We pray Allah (swt) strengthens our hearts in the Deen-e-Islam of the Prophet (SAW) with the "Islamic Imkane Ru'yah", the unconditioned sighting on the evening of the 29th, against the use of the idol worshipping philosopher Meton (431 CE) and Jewish Rabbi Helal 2nd 358 CE's New Moon Calculation based method of "Imkane Ruyat" date theory and may Allah guide us to following the Prophet of Islam (SAW) and may Allah (SWT) set in our hearts the true love for the Rasulullah (SAW) and the full obedience and adherence of the Sunnah of Rasulullah (SAW).

Ameen
Wassalam

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