

MOON SIGHTING

POLICY

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Assalamu Alaikum

Central Hilal Committee is a genuine regional moon-sighting organization under the supervision of renowned traditional scholars and people of knowledge. They have a wide range of local moon-sighting networks in the US, Canada and Caribbean Island. The pure prophetic moon-sighting method has been adopted by this organization. For these reasons, Al-Noor Muslim Community Center, along with many other Islamic Centers & Masajid, follow the Central Hilal Committee in regards to moon-sighting. Al-Noor Muslim Community Center respectfully disagrees with the methodology of 'WAHDATUL MATALAE - وحدة المطالع' which considers the entire globe as one horizon and is adopted by some local Masajid. We believe 'IKHTILAAF AL-MATAALAE - اختلاف المطالع' [variation in horizons] is the most 'correct' position to be adopted in regards to moon sighting. And that is the view of majority of Contemporary Ulama, Fuqaha & Muhaddithin.

SOME OF THE CONTEMPORARY HEADLINES ON LOCAL MOON-SIGHTING BY OUR SALAF

باب ما جاء لكل أهل بلد رؤيتهم

Every locality should have its own moon-sighting - Imam Tirmizi

والعمل على هذا الحديث عند أهل العلم أن لكل أهل بلد رؤيتهم

Imam Tirmizi claimed that the practice of local moon sighting was adapted by the people of knowledge.

باب بيان أن لكل بلد رؤيتهم وأنهم إذا رأوا الهلال ببلد لا يثبت حكمه لما بعد عنهم
Every locality should have its own moon-sighting, and the ruling of moon-sighting will not be applied to the people far away from them.. Imam Muslim

باب الدليل على أن الواجب على أهل كل بلدة صيام رمضان لرؤيتهم لا رؤية غيرهم
Every locality has an obligation to fast by their own sighting not by the sighting of others - Imam Ibn Khuzaimah

اختلاف أهل الافاق في الرؤية

variation in moon sighting for the people of different land -- Imam Nasai

باب إذا رُوي الهلال في بلدٍ قبل الآخرين بليّلة

When moon is sighted in one place by one night before other places

-- Imam Abu Dawoob

IJMA ON LOCAL SIGHTING

قَالَ أَبُو عَمَرَ قَدْ أَجْمَعُوا أَنَّهُ لَا تُرَاعَى الرُّؤْيَةُ فِيمَا آخَرَ مِنَ الْبُلْدَانِ كَالْأَنْدَلُسِ مِنْ خُرَاسَانَ
Abd Al Barr (one of the Maliki scholar) says that IJMA or the consensus of opinion of the scholars was that the moon-sighting in one place will not apply to the faraway places or extremely remote places from each other. Like Khurasan and Andalus.

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