



## Pronouncing Takbir on Standing to Make up for a Missing Part

**The second question of Fatwa no. (13495):**

**Q 2: A man led the people in a four-Rak`ah Salah (Prayer consisting of four units), but he pronounced Taslim (salutation of peace ending the Prayer) in the third Rak`ah.**

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**When he remembered, he stood up and pronounced Takbirat-ul-Ihram (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]" upon starting Prayer). Some people expressed disapproval of this, and they claimed that Takbirat-ul-Ihram should not be pronounced in this Rak`ah. Is this true?**

**A:** If an Imam (leader of congregational Prayer) forgets part of the Salah, he does not have to pronounce Takbir to stand up and make up for it if he remembers or is alerted. However, if he pronounces Takbir when standing up to continue Salah, this does not affect the validity of Salah, as it is done to notify the Ma'mumin (persons led in Prayer) that he is going to continue Salah so that they follow him. Takbir is a form of permissible Dhikr (Remembrance of Allah) during Salah, thus it does not invalidate it.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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