



Postponing Salat-ul-`Eid (the Festival Prayer) after the Day of `Eid

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Q: Is it permissible to delay performing Salat-ul-`Eid to the second day of sighting the new moon of Shawwal in order that all Muslim workers can take leave to attend it? Due to the fact that the `Eid day is not previously known,

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it is very difficult for them to inform those who are responsible about taking a certain day off for vacation.

A: Salat-ul-`Eid is a collective duty. If a group of people perform it, there will be no blame on others. A group of scholars said that it is an individual duty as Jumu`ah (Friday) Prayer. As long as the Islamic center performs Salat-ul-`Eid due to sighting the new moon, therefore, the Salah performed in the Islamic center is sufficient for those who do not attend it. It is not permissible to delay it until the second or third day of Shawwal in order that all Muslims in London can attend it. Delaying it to the second or third day of Shawwal contradicts what is unanimously agreed upon among the Companions and those who came after them. There is no scholar who held this view according to our knowledge. But they are permitted to delay it until the second day if they did not know, until Zawal (midday), that this day is `Eid.

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

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