

**RE: Eid during pandemic - Eid ul Fitr 2020**

Asalaamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu

Firstly, we would like to make dua that Allah removes this difficult situation and pandemic from all of us. It was not long ago when we were talking about how Ramadan would be under the lockdown conditions, and now we are close to the end of Ramadan. May Allah forgive us all, accept our good deeds and give us the ability to make the most of the remaining time. Ameen.

Secondly, as we are fast approaching the end of Ramadan, Muslims are concerned about how to celebrate Eid this year. On 15th of May 2020, a meeting was held between scholars and imams of Markazi Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith UK, and an agreement was reached that given the current situation we will not be holding any communal Eid gathering, rather we encourage everyone to pray the Eid Prayer at home with their families.

Eid Prayer: The Eid prayer consists of two rak'aat and is offered in the following way.

In the first rak'ah you should say takbeerat-ul-ihraam (the opening takbeer), after which you should say seven additional takbeerat ("Allahu Akbar"), Then you should recite al-Fātiḥah, followed by the recitation of Sūrah Qaaf or al-Aa'la. Then complete the rest of the rak'ah in a normal way.

In the second rak'ah, you should say five additional takbeerat, then recite al-Fātiḥah followed by Sūrah al-Qamr or al-Gashia. If you have not memorized the above mentioned surahs then you can recite any other surah.

Eid Khutbah: As for the khutbah of Eid, it is not obligatory. Therefore, it is up to each household whether they would like to hold a khutbah or not, bearing in mind the Eid Prayer has the Salah first and then the Khutbah after (as oppose to Jummah).

We strongly encourage people to carry out the actions that are usually done on the occasion of Eid, including having shower, wearing nice clothes, putting on perfume, eating an odd number of dates before the salah, proclaiming the takbeeraat, and then performing the salah and embracing your family. The Eid prayer can be performed anytime after sunrise to an arm length till the beginning of Dhur time.

Finally, we advise everyone to stay at home as much as possible and to not throw yourself into danger or destruction.

Please also make sure you pay your Zakatul Fitr before the Eid prayer.

We ask Allah to accept our good deeds and give us a beautiful Eid with our families, and to bring us out of this unprecedented situation. Ameen.

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