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"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you," Surat al Baqara: 183

Featured updates:

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ
عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ، أَيَّامًا
مَّعْدُودَاتٍ فَمَن كَانَ مِنكُم مَّرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرٍ
فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ وَعَلَى الَّذِينَ يُطِيقُونَهُ فِدْيَةٌ
طَعَامُ مَسْكِينٍ فَمَن تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ وَأَن
تَصُومُوا خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

(Surat al-Baqara: 183 - 184)

O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may (learn) self-restraint. (Fasting) for a fixed number of days; but if any of you is ill, or on a journey, the prescribed number (Should be made up) from days later. For those who can do it, is a kaffaarat, the feeding of one that is indigent. But he that will give more, of his own free will, - it is better for him. And it is better for you that you fast, if you only knew –

SIJILL ARTICLE: The Pillar of 'Sawm' (Roza/Fasting)

The Quranic Ayat quoted above is the one with which Syedna Qadi al-Nu'man begins his chapter on the 5th of the Pillars of Islam (Da'a'imul Islam), "Sawm" (Roza/fasting). In Islam the farizat Rozas are once every year for 30 days during the month of Allah, Shehre Ramadan.

In this chapter, Syedna Qadi al-Nu'man narrates that Imam Ja'farus Sadiq said that fasting in Shehrullah is a compulsory obligation and farizat in every year. The bare minimum by which this obligation is fulfilled is when a mumín does rozu with heartfelt conviction and sincere intention, and also refrains from food, drink and intercourse throughout the time of rozu (daytime). To fulfill this farizat, one must also "fast" with all his/her limbs and organs - or in other words safeguard them from that which Allah Ta'ala has made Haraam (e.g. slandering, back-biting, stealing, hitting, lying etc) and thereby he/she becomes closer to Allah Ta'ala with his/her good actions.



Syedna Qadi al-Nu'man then quotes Maulatuna Fatema AS, "what good is ones roza if he does not safeguard his tongue, ears, eyes and limbs [from all that is Haraam]."

Syedna Qadi al-Nu'man also quotes another statement by Imam Ja'farus Sadiq in which, among other things, the Imam says that, "there is no [valid] roza for one who disobeys the Imam." We praise Allah Ta'ala and fulfill this obligation by obeying the Imam of our age through obedience and Ta'at of his Dai, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin. We pray to Allah Ta'ala to grant us the strength to perform rozas in this holiest of months, not just by refraining from food and drink, but also by safeguarding our tongue, ears, limbs from all that is Haraam, in obedience to our Dai and our Imam.

NEWS & EVENTS: Shehrollah Pehli Tarikh Majlis & Syedna TUS Ibaadat Photos

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS presided over Pehli Tarikh Majlis of Shehrollah in Darus Sakina. Mumineen got sharaf of qadambosi and began the Mubarak month with the deedar of Syedna TUS, who in the time of seclusion of the Imam is the one referred to in Rasulallah's SA Hadith, "do roza by seeing (and following) him and do iftaar by seeing (and following) him" (*sumu li ru'yatihi wa aftiru li ru'yatihi*). The pronoun in this Hadith referred to Amirul Mumineen Maulana Ali SA when Rasulallah said it. Our Hudaat Kiraam have contended that in each day an age a successor to Rasulallah SA and Amirul Mumineen SA must exist whom mumineen can follow and begin the rozas of Shehrollah and complete the 30 rozas (the *iddah*) with. We are fortunate that during the Imam's seclusion, in this day and age, we began our rozas by seeing and following the lead of the Imam's

Dai, Syedna Qutbuddin TUS. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the strength to complete the 30 days roza and celebrating Eid, once again seeing and following the Imam's Dai.



Photos of the Pehli Tarikh Majlis and of Syedna leading Namaaz in Darus Sakina (Fajr, Zohor/Asar & Maghrib/Isha) are presented on Fatemidawat.com.

FAQ's: Roza

We do roza today in the manner that was prescribed by Rasulallah SA. The various questions that arose were answered by Rasulallah SA and by his successors the Imams and their Dai-s in time of seclusion. Just as it was no one other than Rasulallah who could prescribe the basic tenets of Roza, no one other than the true successors of Rasulallah can clarify what can and cannot be done.

The FAQ's for Roza have been divided into four primary categories: Roza General Rules & circumstances that break Roza, Roza in case of travel, Roza in case of illness & missed Rozas and Kaffaarat.

These are some of the sample questions, the FAQ can be viewed in entirety on Fatemidawat.com. If you would like to submit further questions please email info@fatemidawat.com.

1. If an individual has missed the roza of Shehre Ramadan, can he do the roza of Eid-e-Ghadire Khumm?
2. If an individual has missed a roza in Shehrollah due to

illness or unavoidable travel, what should he do?

3. If one is ill and unable to physically cope with the stress of roza (in a high fever for example) or if doing roza would compromise his health (if one is diabetic and needs to take sugar for example), then what is the course of action?
4. If an individual travels in Shehrollah and leaves his home before Sihori time and reaches the train station or bus station or airport and waits there, knowing that his train/bus/plane will depart after Sihori time has ended (Fajr time has begun), is his roza valid?
5. If one eats or drinks something by mistake during a roza (i.e. he forgets that he is doing roza), is his roza valid?
6. If an individual is cooking and needs to taste the food then what is the course of action?
7. Can one put take a medical injection in roza?

(There are a total of 25 Roza Q&A published on FatemiDawat.com) FAQ's for zakaat will also be published in the near future inshaallah. FAQ for Namaaz has been published on Fatemidawat.com earlier this year.

AZAAN: Its Revelation to Rasulallah^{SA} (& Azaan Audio of Shz. Dr. Husain bhaisaheb)

The Azaan is the Islamic call to prayer. Each day before farizat Namaaz we declare in the Azaan that, "there is no God but Allah Ta'ala, Mohammed is His Messenger and Maulana Ali SA is Allah's waliyy." The Azaan was revealed to Rasulallah SA during his Me'raj (spiritual ascension to the seven heavens on the eve of the 27th of Rajab). In one narration, Rasulallah SA was with Jibra'eel and another firishta appeared. This firishta appeared in the heavens for the first and last time in



this instance. That firishta told Jibra'eel and Jibra'eel told Rasulullah SA, that the firishta says to recite the Azaan in such away. The firishta revealed this to Rasulullah according to Allah Ta'ala's farmaan. This is the Azaan that Rasulullah SA continued to recite always.

Rasulullah SA also recited the Azaan and Iqaamat in the right and left year of Hasan Imam and Husain Imam SA when they were born, and so today we also recite the azaan in the ears of our newborns.

The spiritual effect and impact of Azaan is immense – it strengthens our faith, it causes the enemies to shudder, and the devil to flee.

We are pleased to present this week during the Mubarak month of Shehruallah an Azaan recitation in the [Misri lehen](#) by Shz. Dr. Husain bhaisaheb.

FATEMI DAWAT HEALTH INITIATIVE WEBINAR

SERIES: 1st Webinar –

"Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (aka Acid Reflux): A Burning Issue"

Under the auspices of Zahra Hasanaat, with the raza and doa of Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS, Fatemi Dawat Health Initiative aims to promote good health in our community. The mission of the Fatemi Dawat Health Initiative is to educate, engage, and empower mumineen to improve their health.

Rasulullah SA has said "fast and you shall be healthy" (*sumu tasihhu*). With that spirit, in the month of Ramadan, we are launching a webinar series intended to educate mumineen about common medical conditions such as heartburn, high blood pressure and diabetes. Future webinars will discuss nutrition and exercise. The first 30 minute live webinar entitled "Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease: A Burning Issue" will be delivered by Dr. Fehmida Chipty on 12mi raat of Ramadaan (Saturday, 27th June) at 9.30PM IST (12:00PM EST – noon). Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions to Dr. Chipty towards the end of the talk. Those who wish to attend must register by emailing info@fatemidawat.com. In the email please indicate your name and location and that you are interested in registering for the webinar.

Dr. Chipty is a board certified Gastroenterologist practicing in the greater Boston Area since 1997. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She completed her Internal Medicine residency and subspecialty training in Gastroenterology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/ Montefiore Medical Center. Dr. Chipty believes in the central role of the physician as an educator. She practices with the goal of helping patients understand their medical conditions in order empower them to participate in their health improvement.

This is the abstract of the first webinar: *Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) is common condition, especially among people over the age of 40 years. There are many different ways that GERD can present. Heartburn is one common typical presentation of GERD.*

There can be many other symptoms as well. In some countries, 20% to 30% of patients between the ages of 40 and 64 complain of symptoms of GERD to their doctors. This prevalence is likely to be an underestimate as many people do not consult a physician. GERD affects many aspects of everyday life including work, sleep, and enjoyment of food. There are many lifestyle factors that can cause and worsen symptoms of GERD. There can also be serious consequences, if GERD is not addressed or treated. A clear understanding of basic anatomy and function of the gastrointestinal tract is important for the prevention and management of reflux disease.



UPCOMING NEXT WEEK: Dawat Activities & Resource Allocation Report 1435/1436H

Friday, 10 Ramadan (26 June), the 1435H/1436H Annual Report of Dawat-e-Hadiyah, the Fatemi Dawat administration of the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS, head of the worldwide Dawoodi Bohra community will be published. Last year in Ramadan 1435H, we published detailed guidelines for calculating Zakaat and other wajeabaat dues. Syedna Qutbuddin has instructed a report of Dawat activities and resource allocation to be published this Ramadan. Inshallah we will present this report in Sijill Issue 72.

ZAKAAT & VAJEBAAT FORM 1436H

Zakaat & Vajeabaat form for 1436H with

updated *Silah-Fitra* amount for this year and instructions for submission of *zakaat* and *vajebaat* has been uploaded on Fatemidawat.com.

Zakaat is the 4th Pillar of Islam, a *farizat* and obligation on every Mumin. A detailed explanation of the principles of the *Shari'at* concerning *Zakaat* was presented on fatemidawat.com with the *raza Mubarak* of Syedna Qutbuddin TUS last year.

These are the fundamental principles for the calculating *zakaat*:

Zakaat is compulsory every year @ 2.5% (1/40th) of your '*zakatable income*' minus basic living expenses: this is your "*zakaat-wajib*"

If your income and liquid assets are at or below "*nisaab*" or subsistence level (i.e. they do not, or just, cover basic food, shelter and clothing), you do not owe any *zakaat*. But you should still araz a nominal amount for *barakat*.

Rasulullah SA said: "If you are hit by poverty, transact [for your rizq] with Allah by giving Him *zakaat*."

Mumineen cannot be denied the right to araz *zakaat*, citing other wrongdoings.

For a more detailed explanation with examples and references and descriptions of other *vajebaat* (*khumus*, *fitra*, *haq-un-nafs*, *kaffaraat-uz-zunoob*, *kaffaraat* of missed *rozah*, *mannat*, *nazrul maqam*, *najwa* and *silat-ul-imam*), please visit fatemidawat.com.

Given the current circumstances in Dawat, we have made temporary arrangements for *mumineen* to submit *zakaat* to the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS. Details of these arrangements are on fatemidawat.com and on the '*Zakaat & Vajebaat Form*'.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Syedna ^{TUS} Shehrollah 1436H Namaaz Program
Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS will lead Fajr, Zohor Asar and Maghrib Isha

Namaaz in Darus Sakina every day in Shehrollah al-Mo'zzam inshaallah. *Mumineen*, *Muminaat* and their children are invited for *salawat* and *iftar jaman* after Maghrib Isha *Namaaz*. Dates of *Qadambosi* and *Vajebaat bethak* will be announced next week inshaallah.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Shehrollah Imamah namaz in other cities

It is vital according to our faith that *Imamah namaz* is with the *raza* of the Imam's Dai. If *Imamah* is not with *raza* then *namaaz* is not valid. *Haqq na Dai* Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS has granted *raza* for *Imamah namaz* in Shehrollah al-Mo'azzam in various cities where *mumineen* reside, including:

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For more information, or if you cannot get through to the listed number, please email info@fatemidawat.com. Further locations will be updated as *raza* is sought and given. If you wish to have *Imamah namaz* in your hometown and have someone who you feel is capable of leading *namaz*, you may request for Syedna Qutbuddin's *raza* through info@fatemidawat.com

This Newsletter

This newsletter will inshaallah be published every Friday. It will include the latest news and instructions from Syedna Outbuddin's office and will be published in Dawat-ni-zaban and Gujarati. It will also highlight the latest updates on fatemidawat.com.

Please register to receive the newsletter regularly at info@fatemidawat.com

Sijill is an Arabic word which literally means official letter. It was a term often used in the Fatimid chancery. The name is inspired by the most auspicious letter 'Sijill-ul-Bisharat'.

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- Fatimid Literature Article Series
- Q&A series on pertinent issues: Shari'a compliant finance, qasar namaz.

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