

BismillahirRahmaanirRaheem  
Respected Sheikh Muhammad bin Saleh Al-Othaimeen

May Allaah protect you.

AsSalaamu Alaykum w.r. w.b.

We have observed the Fatwa from your respected self, in the book "Fatawa Islamiya" relating that the sighting of Hilal in one country does not obligate all other countries to abide by (it's date). Is this also applicable to Hilal sighting for Eid-ul-Adha (month of Zul-Hijja)? Please benefit us (explain to us). May Allaah (SWT) reward you.

Jazakum Allahu Khayr AlJaza

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Wa Alaykum AsSalaam w.r. w.b.

For Hilaal the Matale (horizons and therefore sightings) are different from one place to other – for Ramadan as well as other months. The same rule for Hilaal applies for all the months. However I see that the people should agree on one thing [local sighting for the entire calendar or global sighting for the entire calendar], and follow the resolution of the Ameer of the Islamic society in their non-Muslim countries. This is so because there is lot of latitude in this matter as some scholars say: once the sighting of Hilaal is confirmed in any one Islamic country or state, it obligates all Muslims in all Islamic states to abide by it.

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