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There is no deity but ALLAH and Muhammad (upon whom be peace) is the messenger of ALLAH

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله وعلى آله وصحبه ومن والاه

EID PRAYER IN THE TIME OF LOCKDOWN 2020

Guidelines by: The Ulamaa Council of the Anjuman Sunnat ul Jamaat Association Inc.

It is common knowledge that Eid prayer is the biggest gathering in Muslim communities, where men, women, and children gather in order to enjoy themselves on the day of Eid. This year we may not be able to have a huge gathering due to the pandemic virus. Eid Salah is a form of Shukr and giving thanks to Allah ﷻ Almighty, because of the month of Ramadaan and its fasting.

Therefore, **Eid prayer is regarded as wajib (Necessary/ Mandatory)** in the Hanafi Madhab upon any person who is obligated to perform the Friday prayer, and it is Sunnah Mua'kadah (an emphasized Sunnah) in other Madhahib. Because it has been established that the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (May Allah ﷻ send prayers and peace upon him) performed it from the time it became law (1st A.H) until his demise without neglecting its performance. His Khulafa, and companions also observed this as well as all jurists, and this the basis for its necessitation. Eid Salah is distinct from the five daily prayers which any Muslim can establish anywhere and anyhow. Islamic jurist, in particular Hanafis have applied certain conditions for Jumu'ah and Eid.

The conditions for Eid prayer are the same as the Jumu'ah prayer, with an exception to the sermon. Eid prayer is valid without the sermon, because it is sunnah. However, the Khutbah of Jumu'ah is a condition and wajib, without it, Jumu'ah Salah will not be valid. (See our Fatwa on Friday and its conditions. Also Fatwa al-Radawiyah, volume 3 Page 801)

The time to perform the Salah of Eid prayer is when the sun has risen above the horizon, the height of a spear's length or two (approximately 20 minutes after sunrise) and ends when the sun is at its absolute Zenith.

The above-mentioned rules are very important for us to know before we proceed to perform Eid prayer.

If lockdown continues until the moon of Shawwal is sighted, then we will have no choice but to follow and abide by the law of the land.

Therefore, ASJA Ulamaa Council would like to guide our Muslims as follows:

1. Try to organize Eid prayer with adult Muslim males (minimum 4 persons, Imam included) in our Masajid, with restricted numbers as the government of Trinidad and Tobago has legalized. Our Sisters are asked to remain at home on the day of Eid.

2. Those responsible for the masjid, such as its Chairman and Imam, they **should organize many Jamaats for Eid prayer if needed with cautionary measures.**

3. Eid Salah cannot be established at home for any reason. You should offer 2 or 4 rakaat (Nafil, Shukranah) at home on day of Eid and recite Tasbeeh as we do after five daily prayers. (Subhaan Allah, Alhamdulillah).

With regards to Eid prayer in the light of Hanafi books and its jurists, the aforementioned options are considered approved for this year 2020.

May Allah ﷻ accept our good deeds and may He forgive our sins.

والله تعالى أعلم وصلى الله على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم

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