

## Press Release

### \*Muslim Scholars Announce Lockdown Ramzaan Guidelines\*

\*16 April, Delhi/Mumbai:\* In support of India's fight against Covid-19 pandemic, which has infected over 20 lakh people all over the worlds and killed 1.28 lakh people, Muslim scholars and imams of masjids from various parts of India announced a series of measures that they want the community to ensure as the holy month of Ramzaan approaches, when crores of Indian Muslims will be observing dawn to dusk fasting for a month.

According to M J Khan, President, Indian Minorities Economic Development Agency, "This is a very welcome development and shows that the community leaders are taking meaningful steps to avoid Coronavirus spread, and are fully aligned with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call yesterday to extend national lockdown till 3rd of May."

A collation and summary of the appeals that have come from practically every part of India clearly indicates Muslim religious leaders quick and practical solutions for checking the spread of this outbreak. In India, almost 12,000 people have tested positive for this virus, and nearly 400 people have lost their lives.

### \*Lockdown Ramzaan Guidelines\*

1. Visit to a mosque is not permitted during the fasting month of Ramzaan due to lockdown Guidelines, and all prayers, reading of the Quran, Hadees and other scriptures, and Iftaar should be done at home.
2. All five farz prayers and the other prayers and reading of Quran and other religious texts must be done at home.
3. Evening Taraweeh prayers need not be in a group or in the mosque. Follow social distancing at home also as much as possible and offer Taraweeh namaaz solo.
4. Ramzan is a month of prayers, meditation, and reading of religious books. No shopping and other acts of outings, fun and entertainment in the evenings, but spend time with family members at home.
5. For any Ramzaan related shopping all lockdown guidelines of the Govt must be adhered to.
6. Use of pre-dawn loudspeakers for waking up other Muslims for Sehri (early morning pre-fasting supper) may be avoided.
7. No Khatam Quran (speed Taraweeh prayers in 3 days or 7 days) instead of the customary 29 or 30 days should be organised either at home or in the mosques.
8. The imam of the mosque can make Sehri or Iftaar announcements from the mosque.
9. No Iftaar parties or dinners to be organized.
10. During the entire month of Ramzaan ensure that poor, needy (also all fellow Indians of all faiths) are taken care of with food, money, any other help.
11. Make special prayers for world peace, prosperity, and eradication of Corona pandemic during the whole month of Ramzaan.

12. Parents and guardians are called upon to keep an eye on the young wards to ensure that they do nothing that goes against the interest of the community or the country at this time of national crisis and fight against Corona pandemic.

13. Young men are warned not to go around town on two-wheelers and cars in the evenings without a curfew pass.

14. Community members are requested to ensure that the imams, other attendants, teachers, and some remaining students in local mosques and madrasas must be provided all possible support in terms of food, money, books and stationary etc during the holy month of Ramzaan so that they do not face any problems.

The holy month of Ramzaan is expected to start from 24 or 25 April, subject to the visibility of the moon.

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