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Our Stance On The Thul-Hijjah Hilaal

We had received several queries regarding the Islamic date. In this regard, our stance is that the new moon (Hilaal) for the month of Thul-Hijjah 1441 was sighted on Tuesday -21 July 2020 – after Maghrib, by a group of Muslims in a small town in the Northern Cape. We will mention the following points for those who want to know our stance regarding Thul-Hijjah's Hilaal:

- 1. The Hilaal was sighted by the naked eye by a group of Muslims in a small town of Groblershoop, in the Northern Cape. This group which is dedicated to the work of sighting the new moon and which goes out at the end of every Islamic month for the last few years then gave its Khabar (information/news) to the Hilaal Committee they are part of, i.e. Majlisul-Ulama Hilaal Committee.
- 2. This was then confirmed by the Majlisul-Ulama regarding whom even their enemies aver that they have a very high Standard of *Tafaqquh* (deep and thorough understanding) of the Shari'ah. Accordingly, Majlisul-Ulama made the news public that the moon was sighted by their Hilaal Committee member from Northern Cape.
- 3. Upon receiving this news which we accept to be reliable and which we have confidence in, we sent out a message stating that Thul-Hijjah 1441 will begin from Maghrib on Tuesday, 21 July 2020, and that Eid-ul-Adha will be on Friday, 31 July 2020. Likewise, we also sent out the calendar of Thul-Hijjah 1441 confirming these dates.
- 4. After The Majlis's announcement was made confirming the sighting of the Hilaal, UUCSA the friends of the court who generally announce the moon sightings on their radiostations the very same ones that flagrantly defy the Laws of Allah Ta'ala regarding Hijaab by allowing female presenters and young women to air their sweet and alluring voices on-air, thereby planting the 'lethal' seeds of 'fantasies' in the hearts of the men who are interviewed or who listen to their programs, rejected the sighting.
- 5. We reiterate <u>our stance</u> that the Hilaal for Thul-Hijjah WAS sighted on Tuesday night by a group of Muslims of a town in the Northern Cape. We have no doubt in this sighting and no reason for not accepting and/or for delaying the day of Eid for any reason. Therefore, the following is according to us:

1st Thul-Hijjah 1441 began on 21 July 2020, after Maghrib Salaah.

The day of Arafat – i.e. the 9th Thul-Hijjah – will be on Thursday, the 30th July 2020. Insha Allah.

The Takbeer-e-Tashreeq will begin on Thursday, after Fajr Salaah. Insha Allah.

Eid-ul-Adha will be on Friday, the 31st July 2020. The two days thereafter are also regarded as the days of Eid. Insha Allah.

The Takbeer-e-Tashreeq will stop after the Asr Salaah on Monday, the 3rd August 2020. Insha Allah.