



The Islamic New Year 1439AH

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The Muslim New Year is celebrated on the first day of Muharram, which is the first month of the Islamic calendar. The Islamic New Year marks the day when the Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) began his migration from Makkah to Madinah in Islamic Year 1 AH (622 CE). Islamic New Year's Day is important to remember the significance of the Prophet's migration to establish the first Islamic state. This year, **Thursday 21st September 2017** marks the first day of 1439AH.

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ
 “Surely the number of months with Allah is twelve months in Allah's ordinance since the day when He created the Heavens and the Earth.”
 Qur'an (9:36)

ISLAMIC MONTHS

The Islamic months are named as follows:

1. Muharram	محرم	2. Safar	صفر
3. Rabi' al-Awwal	ربيع الاول	4. Rabi' al-Thani	ربيع الثاني
5. Jumada al-Awwal	جمادى الاول	6. Jumada al-Thani	جمادى الثاني
7. Rajab	رجب	8. Sha'aban	شعبان
9. Ramadhan	رمضان	10. Shawwal	شوال
11. Dhul-Qi'dah	ذوالقعدة	12. Dhul-Hijjah	ذوالحجة

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FASTING ON ASHURAH

10th Muharram 1439AH:

Saturday 30th September 2017

Fasting during the month of Muharram, especially the day of 'Ashurah and the days immediately preceding and following it:

- Abu-Hurrayra reported: ***"I asked the Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam): 'Which prayer is the best after obligatory prayers?' He said, 'Prayer during the middle of the night.' I asked, 'Which fast is the best after the fast of Ramadhan?' He said, 'The month of Allah that you call Muharram.'"*** This is related by Ahmad, Muslim and Abu Dawud.
- Ibn 'Abbas reported: ***"The Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) came to Madinah and found the Jews fasting on the day of 'Ashurah. He said to them, 'What is this fast?' They said, 'A great day. Allah saved Moses and the tribes of Israel from their enemies this day and therefore, Moses fasted on this day.' The Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said, 'We have more right to Moses than you,' so he fasted on that day also and ordered the people to fast on that day."*** This is recorded by Al-Bukhari and Muslim.
- The scholars have mentioned that the fast of 'Ashurah is of three levels:
 1. Fasting 3 days – that is, on the **9th**, **10th** and **11th** of Muharram;
 2. Fasting on the **9th** and the **10th** of Muharram;
 3. Fasting on the **10th** of Muharram.

We wish you an enlightening New Year and pray that Allah (SWT) blesses it with His infinite mercy, accepts our du'as and bestows our lives with everlasting happiness, prosperity and peace.