

FACTS ON RAMADAAN

Ramadaan

1. The ninth month of the Islamic calendar is called 'Ramadaan'.
2. The month of Ramadaan is also known as 'Shahrul Muwaasaat' (The month of sympathy) where you think about the poor and needy.
3. During this month Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw) used to be more generous than he was during the other months of the year.
4. This month is also called 'Shahrus Sabr' (The month of patience).
5. In Ramadaan every grown up and healthy Muslim must fast.
6. The elderly people who have no strength to fast, may not fast at all. However, for each fast they need to pay some money as charity to the poor.
7. Those who are ill and could not fast, have to make up for their missed fasts after Ramadaan.
8. The Arabic word for fasting is 'Sawm' and the plural is 'Siyaam'.
9. 'Sawm' is one of the pillars of Islaam.
10. There are 29 or 30 days in every Islamic month. Each day starts from Maghrib Salaah.
11. Muslims start fasting from the beginning time of Fajr until sunset i.e. Maghrib.
12. The early morning meal which is eaten before starting the fast is called 'Suhoor'.
13. When you break your fast at Maghrib time, this is called 'Iftaar'.
14. The month of Ramadaan is divided into 3 parts; the speciality of the first ten days is 'Rahmah' (the days of 'Mercy'), the second ten days is 'Maghfirah' (the days of 'forgiveness'), and the last ten days is 'Itkum minannaar' (freedom from the Hell Fire).

Virtues of Ramadaan

15. Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw) has encouraged us to practise 4 things frequently in this month;
1) To read laa ilaaha illallah 2) To make Istighfaar meaning to ask Allah for forgiveness 3) To make dua for Jannah 4) To make dua for protection from Jahannam.
16. Our Nabi (saw) said, "Whoever fasts in the month of Ramadaan with Imaan and with hope of receiving reward, then all his sins will be forgiven!"
17. On the first day of Ramadaan all 8 doors of Jannah are open.
18. The leader of the door keepers of Jannah is called 'Ridhwaan'.
19. Also on the first day of Ramadaan all 7 doors of Jahannam are closed.
20. The leader of the door keepers of Jahannam is called 'Maalik'.
21. In this month, the Shaytaans are all locked up in chains.
22. In Jannah there is a special door called 'Rayyaan'. Only the fasting people will be able to enter through this door!
23. When a Muslim does a good deed then the angels reward him or her. However, fasting is so special that only Allah will reward the fasting person!

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24. The Prophet (saw) said, "Assiyyaamu Junnah" (Fasting is a shield). It protects the fasting person from the Shaytaan, from sins, from the punishment of the Grave and from Hell Fire.

25. The 2 things that break the shield of fasting are 'Gheebah' (Backbiting) and kizb (lying).

Laylatul Qadr

26. There is one very special night which is the holiest night of the year. It is called 'Laylatul Qadr' (The night of Power).

27. During this night Allah sent down the whole Quraan from His PC called 'Lowhay Mahfooz' (Preserved Tablet) to the first heaven.

28. Laylatul Qadr is better than a 1000 months (83 years and 4 months) and can fall on any of the odd nights during the last 10 days i.e. 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th or 29th.

29. Our Nabi (saw) said, "Whoever worships (Allah) on Laylatul Qadr with Imaan and with hope of receiving reward, then all his sins will be forgiven!"

30. This night is so great that Allah has revealed a whole surah on it called 'Suratul Qadr' (The chapter of Power)!

31. In this surah Allah explains how the 'Malaaiakah' (angels) and Jibreel (as) come to the world.

32. Another name for Jibreel (as) is 'Rooh' which means spirit.

33. On Laylatul Qadr the angels go to every Muslim and make salaam to them. They shake the Muslim's hand and say ameen to their duas.

34. During the last 10 days of Ramadaan, Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw) used to stay awake the whole night and worship Allah a lot!

35. The dua which Our Prophet (saw) recommended our mother 'Ayesha (ra) to read on Laylatul Qadr was 'Allahumma innaka 'afuwwun kareemun tuhibbul 'afwa fa'fu 'anni (O Allah, indeed You are the one who Pardons, You are Noble, You love to pardon so pardon me!).

Taraweeh

36. In Ramadaan there is a very special Salaah called 'Salaatut Taraaweeh'. This is a salaah which has 20 raka'ats and is read late night after Isha Salaah.

37. Our Nabi (saw) said, "Whoever reads Taraweeh in the month of Ramadaan with Imaan and with hope of receiving reward, then all his sins will be forgiven!"

Do's and

38. If a person takes any medication through the mouth, then the fast WILL break.

Don'ts

39. If a person eats by mistake and forgets that he or she was fasting then the fast WILL NOT break.

40. If a person has a blood test, then the fast WILL NOT break.

41. If a person has a doctor's appointment or a dentist appointment, then the fast WILL NOT break as long the person does not swallow anything.

42. If a person has an injection, the fast WILL NOT break.

43. If a person has asthma and he or she uses an inhaler whilst fasting, then the fast WILL break.

44. If a person puts eye drops in the eyes, then the fast WILL NOT break.

45. However if the fasting person puts ear drops in the ears then the fast WILL break.

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46. If a person vomits no matter how little or more then the fast WILL NOT break as long as he or she does not swallow it again.

47. If a person has missed his or her suhoor, even then the person still needs to keep the fast.

Zakaat

48. During this month many Muslims give a share of their money to the poor and needy. This is called 'Zakaah' or 'Zakaat'.

49. Zakaat is one of the pillars of Islaam.

50. It is necessary on every rich and grown up person whether a male or female.

51. In Islaam, a rich person is he who has savings of about 222 pounds.

52. Zakaat is paid only once every year.

53. You only pay 1/40 or 2.5% on your savings, so for every £100 you will pay £2.50 only and for every £1000 you will pay £25 only.

54. You will only calculate Zakaat on money, gold, silver and business items (things that you buy in order to sell them).

Sadaqatul

Fitr

55. 'Sadaqatul Fitr' or 'Zakaatul Fitr' is that charity which every Muslim, adult and children must pay to the poor so they too can enjoy and celebrate Eid.

56. By paying Sadaqatul Fitr, it will make up for all the shortcomings in a person's fast!

57. The amount of Sadaqatul Fitr for each person is about £1.50.

Eid

58. The night before the day of Eid is called 'Laylatul Jaaizah' (The night of prize giving). On this night Allah grants every Muslim His forgiveness and pleasure.

59. The day of Eid is known as 'Eidul Fitr'.

60. The morning of the day of Eid is called 'Yawmul Jaaizah' (The day of prize giving). This is because Allah offers every Muslim His forgiveness and pleasure. If someone asks for something worldly, then if Allah thinks it will benefit him or her then he will grant it to them.

61. The first most important thing for every Muslim on Eid day is to read his or her Fajr salaah!

62. Some sunnats of Eid day are:

- 1) To have a bath
- 2) To make miswaak
- 3) To put oil on the hair
- 4) To wear Islamic clothes (white)
- 5) To apply 'itr (perfume)
- 6) To go for Eid salaah early

63. Eid Salaah has 2 raka'ats and 6 extra takbeers (Allahu Akbar).

64. The method of Eid salaah is as follows:

- 1) 1st Raka'at: Thana, 3 extra Takbeers, Ta'awwuz, Tasmiyah, Suratul Fatiha and a surah, Ruku and Sajdah.
- 2) 2nd Raka'at: Tasmiyah, Suratul Fatiha, Tasmiyah and a surah, 3 extra Takbeers, ruku, Sajdah, Qa'dah.

65. After the Eid salaah, the I maam will deliver a 'Khutbah' (Speech).