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Eid Prayers during COVID times!

Within 10 days, we will witness 2020's first Eid which will be, unfortunately, different from many Eid we have experienced before. Muslims in different parts of the world will not be allowed to celebrate conclusion of fasting of an entire month by starting the day with performing Eid Prayers outside in huge grounds or mosques followed by social visits. This time, all this would not be possible.

Hanafīs¹ and Mālikīs² have the opinion that if congressional Eid prayers are missed, then individuals or smaller groups cannot perform Eid prayers.

However, Shāfi'īs³ and Ḥanbalīs⁴ are of the opinion that prayers can be performed individually as well. I prefer that Muslims, in these conditions where lockdown is imposed, should observe one of the important prayers of the year in their respective

¹ Faṭḥ al-Qadīr (1/429), Al-Lubāb (1/118).

² Al-Sharḥ al-Saghīr (1/524), Qawānīn Fiqhiyah p. 85.

³ Muḡhnī al-Muḡtāj (1/315), Al-Muḡadhdhab (1/120).

⁴ Kashshāf al-Qinā' (2/58), Al-Muḡhnī (2:390-392).

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capacity without violating the guidelines given by the health officials. Hence, persons who are staying alone in their houses or quarantined can also perform Eid prayers based on scholars' valid opinion.

Eid's time starts after half an hour from the sunrise and lasts until the Zawāl time (usually 12). So pray Fajar (dawn), take a bath as per Sunnah, wear clean clothes, have dates in odd numbers. Say the following Takbir while waiting for the prayer:

الله أكبر، الله أكبر، لا إله إلا الله،
والله أكبر، الله أكبر، والله الحمد°

Then, without Khutba, start performing Eid prayers, and no need to call for Adhān or Iqāma. Eid prayer is a 2 Rak'a prayer.

You shall say *Allah-u-Akbar*, as you say normally at the start of any prayer, and then raise your hand again by saying *Allah-u-Akbar*. You shall raise your hands 7 time sand each time you shall say *Allah-u-Akbar*.

⁵ Sunan al-Dārquṭnī.

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Then start reading Surah Fātiḥa followed, preferably, by Surah Al-A‘lā (Chapter 87)⁶, then say *Allah-u-Akbar* and go to Rukū‘ and carry on the prayer as usual.

After standing up for the 2nd Rak‘a, you shall raise your hands 5 times and say each time *Allah-u-Akbar*.

When finished all the Takbīrāt, then start reading Surah Fātiḥa and followed by, preferably, Surah Al-Ghāshīya (Chapter 88) and then carry the prayer as usual.

The evidence of 12 Takbīra of Eid is given in a Hadīth of Tirmidhī.

May Allah take out the entire humanity from these difficult times, and our coming Eid will start with prayers performed with our loved ones and families.

Āmīn.

⁶ Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim.