

## Moon for Shaaban 1441

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Shabaan

It is always recommended first and foremost to sight the moon. However due to rain and cloudy conditions the moon as not sighted in Sydney and Queensland (which had better chances of visibility than Sydney)

The moon on Wednesday night 25/3 – met criterions to be considered as sighted.

*Altitude 8 degrees - Moonset 43 minutes after sunset.*

*The birth of the moon had occurred 22 Hours earlier*

Therefore in line with the ruling of His Eminence Ayatullah Sistani that if the moon could have been seen but was not due to bad weather you can declare the sighting. As the new moon was 22 hours old and at 8 degree altitude above the Horizon set significantly well after Maghrib time and meets the criteria of sighting.

RULING USED	SIMILAR COMPARISON DETAILS
<p>إن الاستفادة من الأدلة الشرعية كون العبرة في بداية الشهر القمري بظهور الهلال على الأفق بنحو قابل للرؤية بالعين المجردة لولا الغيم ونحوه من الموانع الخارجية</p> <p><a href="http://www.sistani.org/arabic/q/a/search/3692/">http://www.sistani.org/arabic/q/a/search/3692/</a></p> <p>My literal translation: “What is understood from the religious evidence is that the beginning of a lunar month will be confirmed by appearance of the crescent in the local horizon in a way that it would be visible with naked eyes had it not been any cloud or external obstacles.”</p>	<p><b>Last EID 1440 – 2019</b></p> <p><i>Altitude 8 degrees</i> <i>Moonset 49 minutes after sunset.</i> <i>The birth of the moon had occurred 20 Hours earlier</i></p> <p><i>The similarity of moon positions gives us confidence the moon would have been visible on the 25/3/2020 as it was last year in the same position.</i></p>

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