

## WHY ARE WE ALLOWED TO USE PRE-CALCULATED SALAH TIMES BUT NOT FOR MOON SIGHTING?

1

The sun is used for establishing Salah times whereas the moon is used for months. Their **functionalities are different.**

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A Salah timetable may be utilized because Salah times are determined through the **position of the Sun.**

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Establish the prayer times through the setting of the Sun.  
Surah al-Isra: 78

### In Contrast:

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The determination of the Islamic Hijri calendar is by **sighting** the crescent moon, not simply the occurrence of the astronomical new moon. If the moon is not sighted, then thirty days must be completed.

"Do not fast until you see the moon, and do not end fasting until you see the moon, but if the sky is overcast (and you cannot see the moon), then complete thirty days."  
Sahih al-Bukhari: 1909

2

We must still pray five times Salah on cloudy days, even though we cannot see the Sun. But when it is cloudy on the 29th of Sha'ban and the **moon is not visible**, Rasulullah ﷺ commanded us to complete thirty days of Sha'ban and not to begin the fasts of Ramadan.

Revive the Sunnah, Unite the Ummah

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ليلة رؤية الهلال Moonsighting Night	الأيام التي تستحب فيها الحجامة Preferable Days for Cupping
التذكير بصيام الأيام البيض Reminder to Fast the Full Moon Days	

الجمعة	السبت	الأحد	الاثنين	الثلاثاء	الأربعاء	الخميس
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 شَعْبَانَ 31 JAN	2 1 FEB	3 2	4 3	5 4	6 5	7 6
8 7	9 8	10 9	11 10	12 11	13 12	14 13
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