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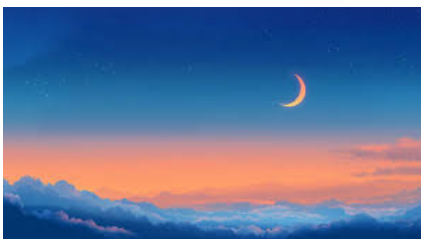
ABOUT THE MAJLIS

In 1990 a group of Philadelphia Area imams and other community stakeholders started the Majlis Ash-Shura of the Delaware Valley, to perform the prophetic sunnah of *shura* (consultation). It's organized as an independent 501 (c)(3) non-profit in the state of Pennsylvania. 'Majlis Ash-Shura' can be translated to mean the consultative body, council, or meeting. Aside from being a consultative body, the Majlis attempts to facilitate Muslims fulfilling their obligations and share best

practices for the area's Masjids. From sighting every lunar month beginning to intervening in conflicts, to organizing visitors for the sick Muslims in facilities, the Majlis has performed an array of services. We invite all Muslims to sincerely work in whatever capacity they can, with their respective talent, expertise, and/or interest.

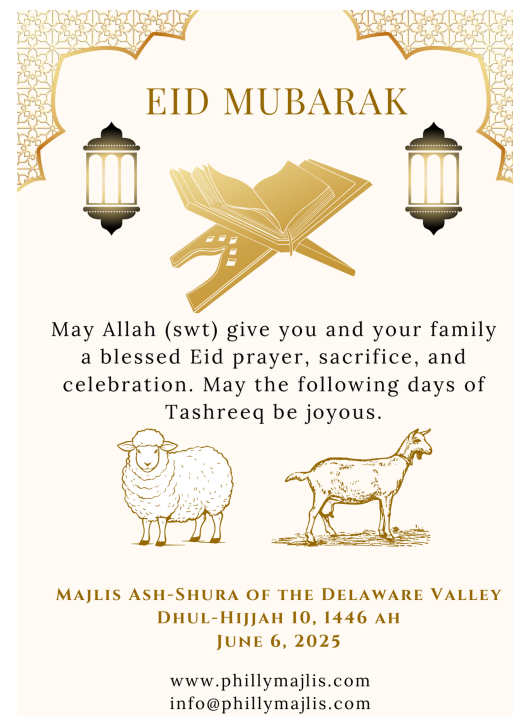


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HILAAL (CRESCENT MOON/START OF A LUNAR MONTH)

In accordance with the *sunnah* of naked-eye sighting of the *hilaal* (or a lunar month expiring due to having 30 days) and the *fard kifaayah* (communal obligation) of keeping track of time, *as per the Majlis' moon sighting committee*, the *hilal* (new moon) was sighted in Florida on the evening of May 27th. The daylight hours of Wednesday, May 28, 2025 marks the 1st of Dhul - Hijjah 1446 AH. Therefore, Eid ul-Adha prayer will be on Friday June 6, 2025, which corresponds with the 10th of Dhul - Hijjah.





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EID AL-ADHA AND JUMU'AH

The following excerpts of an article by Sheikh Luqman Ahmad, was originally posted on June 3, 2025. To read the article in its entirety, please go to:



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<https://imamluqman.wordpress.com/2025/06/03/the-islamic-ruling-of-salatul-jumuah-on-the-same-day-of-the-eid-by-shaykh-luqman-ahmad/>

The General Ruling in the case where the Eid prayer is on a Friday (yawmul Jumu'ah) is that those who attend and pray the Eid prayer are granted a concession (rukḥṣah) exempting them from the obligation of attending Jumu'ah prayer. Instead, they must pray Dhuhr as they normally would, at its prescribed time. This is based on several hadiths and the practices of the Prophet ﷺ and his Companions. The Prophet ﷺ said, in the hadith of ibn Abbas, "Two Eids have coincided on this day. whoever wishes, the Eid prayer suffices for him (in place of Jumu'ah), but we will perform Jumu'ah" . This hadith is found in the Sunan of Abi Dawud with a sound chain. Further evidence for this ruling is in the narration of the companion Zaid ibn Arqam (رضي الله عنه) recorded in Sunan Abi Dawud (1070): "Mu'awiyah asked Zaid: 'Did you witness two Eids happening on the same day with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ?' He replied: 'Yes. The Prophet ﷺ prayed Eid, then permitted skipping Jumu'ah, saying:

"Whoever wishes to pray (Jumu'ah) may do so, and whoever wishes to leave may do so." This hadith was collected [by] Abu Dawud also, and by Ahmad, Ad-Daarimi, and al-Haakim in the Mustadrak. It establishes that the Prophet ﷺ (himself granted concession to those who attended Eid prayer to omit Jumu'ah.

All scholars agree that in the case where a person does not pray the Eid prayer, Jumu'ah is still incumbent on that person like it is on any other Friday.

During Caliph Uthman's reign, Eid and Jumu'ah coincided on the same day , and he permitted people to leave after Eid without having to attend Jumu'ah .

The ruling attributed to Caliph Uthman ibn Affan (رضي الله عنه) regarding the permissibility of missing Jumu'ah prayer when it coincides with Eid is supported by several Islamic textual sources and historical reports.



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The Caliph Uthman implemented and institutionalized this prophetic concession during his reign (24–35 AH). This emphasizes that while the imam must still lead Jumu'ah, attendees of Eid are excused.

Causes for this ruling: Ease of Practical Hardship

During the time of the Prophet ﷺ Muslims traveled from villages, bedou[i]n encampments, and outside of Madinah to pray Eid with the Prophet, also, preparing your family to attend the Eid is harder than a man preparing and going to Jumu'ah on Friday.

The ruling of the Prophet ﷺ, and his exercise of this concession was aimed at making it easier on the Muslims. However, it must be emphasized that the imam, or someone in his stead, must still lead Jumu'ah at the places where Jumu'ah is normally held. However, attendees of Eid are excused, because for them to remain for Jumu'ah would cause undue hardship, especially for those with long journeys.

Classical scholars interpreted these texts differently:

The Shafi'ee and Hanbali Schools accepted the concession fully, citing the hadiths and evidences mentioned above. Those who prayed Eid could skip Jumu'ah but were required to pray Dhuhur.

Some Hanafi and Maliki clusters of scholars initially held Jumu'ah obligatory regardless of Eid, arguing that a Sunnah (Eid) cannot override a fard obligation (Jumu'ah). However, they later acknowledged Uthman's practice as a valid exception for travelers or the overwhelmed.

This ruling reflects:

- Adherence to Sunnah
- Reviving a less-known Prophetic practice.
- Compassion in Fiqh
- Islam's flexibility in mitigating hardship, as echoed in the Quranic principle: "Allah intends ease for you, not hardship" (Quran 2:185).



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SUMMARY

The evidence for Caliph Uthman's ruling is firmly established in authentic hadiths (Abu Dawud 1070, 1074) and historical accounts of his caliphate. By permitting the omission of Jumu'ah after Eid prayer, he upheld the Prophet's Sunnah and embodied Islamic principles of practicality and mercy. For further study, refer to Sunan Abi Dawud, respected books of fiqh, or classical commentaries on Islamic law.

The majority opinion, supported by hadith and classical scholarship, allows Eid attendees to skip Jumu'ah and pray Dhuhr instead, while the Imam must still conduct Jumu'ah for others. Attending both prayers is ideal to maximize rewards, but concessions exist for flexibility. And Allah knows best.

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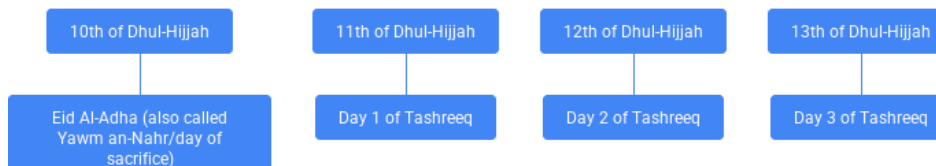
TASHREEQ

With Eid ul-Adha or the sacrificial celebration, there's what we call *ayyaamul-tashreeq*. Which can be roughly translated to mean, the days of sun-drying. Eid ul-Adha is on the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah, whereas the days of *tashreeq* are on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of Dhul-Hijjah.



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The three days were traditionally and currently called so because the day of slaughtering (Yaum an-Nahr) is the 10th for those making Hajj, and with the abundance of raw meat and no refrigeration or freezing capabilities, the *hujjaj* (Muslims who are making and/or who have made Hajj) would place some of the meat in the sun in order to preserve it for travel. Sort of like beef jerky.



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KEEP AN EYE ON

In a dispute going back to 2023, sister Keziah Ridgeway, a former teacher at Northeast High School in Philadelphia, filed a federal lawsuit in May 2025, via MFI Law Group & The Law Office of Spencer Hill, PLLC, against the School District of Philadelphia.

The lawsuit, filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, details a pattern of discriminatory treatment and retaliatory actions taken against Ms. Ridgeway in violation of her First Amendment rights, and targeting her constitutionally protected advocacy efforts on behalf of students and marginalized communities. Ms. Ridgeway, an African American Muslim woman and longtime public school teacher, alleges that after years of exemplary service, she was subjected to adverse treatment by the district when she spoke out against systemic inequities and supported students' rights, including those of Palestinian and Muslim students.¹

You can read the full lawsuit through CAIR's website by clicking on the footnote below.

¹ <https://pa.cair.com/pressrelease/sdp-lawsuit-discrimination/>



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SPIRITUAL ILLUSTRATION: RIQQAH

Riqqah can be described as the ability to weep. In fact, it's a type of praiseworthy spiritual state. Its root is *raqqa*, meaning, to become thin. The illustration above is a young female weeping while reciting the Quran. There are many things to weep over: the magnitude of what's

being said; wondering about our scale on the Day of Judgment; recognizing the mercy of Allah (swt), and so forth.

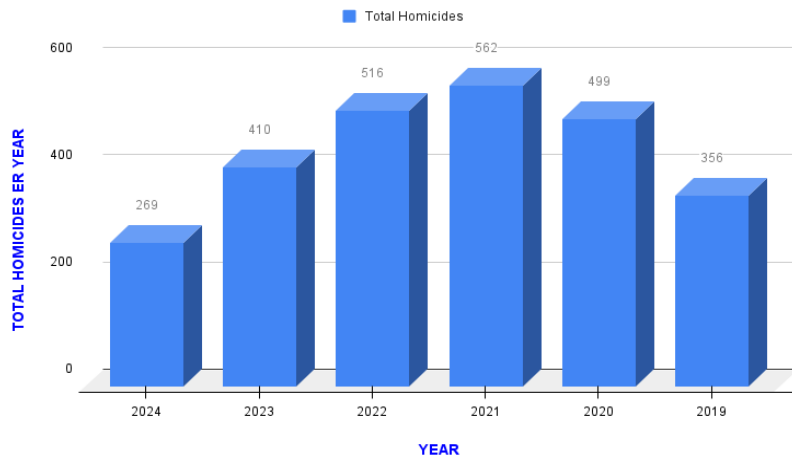
Prophet Muhammad (saws) is reported to have said: *“Verily, this Quran has descended with sadness. If you recite it, then weep. If you cannot weep, then pretend to weep...”*²

² Sunan ibn Majah



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INTERESTING STATS: PHILLY HOMICIDES³



THE MAJLIS ASH-SHURA IN ACTION (below is a partial list of the actions of the Majlis)

2022

- We revamped our by-laws
- We revamped our website
- The Eid committee hosted a fundraiser for the Eid at Kingsessing Rec center

³ <https://www.phillypolice.com/crime-data/crime-statistics/>



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- We started a Telegram (social media) group, which is open to any Muslim
- The Da'wah committee partnered with Masjid Al-Madinah (in Upper Darby, Pa) for a joint event
- We collaborated with Black Muslim Men United for a Better Philadelphia, rallying and marching in the northwest section of Philadelphia, along with local police, calling for action against gun violence
- We condensed the length of our monthly general meetings

2023

- We obtained a corporate office
 - We interviewed 8 influential community members
 - We started a monthly e-newsletter
- The Education committee hosted our 1st Islamic School Fair & Expo @ The Philly School District
 - We started an Economic Development Committee

- We helped to sponsor the first Halal Food Festival in Phoenixville, Pa
- We published a book titled: "*Sex Education in Islam*," available on Amazon
- We interviewed all the viable candidates for Philly Mayor in 2023, firmly requesting an Office of Islamic Affairs, which in 2024 came into fruition partly due to our efforts
- The Majlis' Economic Development Committee started to solicit current and/or future community projects with a commercial component and that are serious, in-order to enable the Muslim-community to invest collectively and benefit collectively in a sustainable and beneficial project.

2024

- We partnered with CAIR to have a medical professional, in case of an emergency, for their 2024 banquet in Springfield, Pa



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- We hosted three town halls (Philly Masjid, Masjid Muhammad, & Makkah Masjid), in order to hear public concerns and to solicit sincere assistance
 - We started a YouTube page
- The Majlis' Economic Development Committee researched and presented the Israeli-owned date (the fruit) companies
- The Education committee hosted our 2nd Islamic School Fair & Expo @ The Philly School District in July. The video is available on our YouTube page
 - In July, we started a new Facebook page
- In August, we hosted a zoom presentation on *Volunteering with Ihsaan (Proficiency)*, which was recorded and is available on YouTube
- In September, we interviewed sister Najah Siddiq, one of the founders and organizers of the Philly Halal Food Festival.
- In November, we held a meeting and brainstorming session in conjunction with the Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Muslim

Engagement at City Hall. Attempting to connect many of the Muslim leaders in Philadelphia

- In December, the Women's Committee of the Majlis held a Sister's Circle via phone conference, in order to help create more unity within the Muslim community
 - Imam Farid Rasool, President of the Majlis, gave a talk at AICP in Philadelphia, during their winter *Dawrah*

2025

- In January, the education committee hosted their 2nd annual Ramadan and Beyond event. Assisting educators and admins on handling pertinent concerns as they relate to Muslim students.
- In February, the Majlis' Education committee co-sponsored an essay contest
 - In March, the Education Committee hosted an *iftar* (fast breaking) in the banquet hall of Masjid Hidayah in Philadelphia. Targeting those directly involved in education.



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- In March, the Majlis purchased a full page ad congratulating The International League of Muslim Women
- In March, we changed our address to 4414 Germantown Ave. ,3rd flr, suite C Phila., PA 19140
- In March, the Majlis entered a coalition with Universal Muslim Business Association & Nicetown Community Development Corporation

May Allah (swt) accept our efforts



DU 'AA FOR THE ILL, OPPRESSED, & RECENTLY DECEASED

Please don't forget our brothers and sisters who are going through tribulations (*masaaib*), whether with their health, wealth, familial relationships, physical security, death of a loved one, and so on.

May Allah give those whom He recently called back, jannatul firdaus.



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May Allah bless the sick amongst us with well being ('aafiyah) in this life and the next. May Allah ease their suffering, and grant them healing (shifaa) with a speedy recovery. May their sickness/illness be an expiation (kaffaarah) for their sins.

May Allah give relief to all people who are suffering under unjust rulers, governments, or any oppressive entity.

May Allah remedy the affairs of the Muslims, may Allah turn away the evil of the harmful.

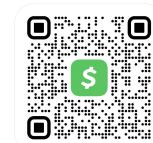
Aameen, Aameen, Aameen

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE MAJLIS?

For those interested in financially supporting the Majlis' efforts, no matter the amount you can afford, you can send it through cashapp. *Shukran, Jazaakullah!* Nonetheless, please make *du'aa* for all those working to please Allah (swt).

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SUBMITTING CONTENT

If you are interested in adding to the Majlis' newsletter, please be aware of the following rules:



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- A. All content must be submitted by the 15th of every month. For instance, if you would like for your submission to be in February's edition, submit content by January 15th.
- B. All content is subject to grammatical and punctual editing. As well as apparent accuracy and suitability for The Majlis' mission & objectives. Further, we reserve the right to postpone your submission for a future edition.
- C. All information should be cited appropriately.
- D. Keep in mind that The Majlis Ash-Shura is rooted in the people of the sunnah and the community (*Ahlus-Sunnah wal-jamaa'ah*). Therefore, we will not showcase any messages rooted in any other religious affiliation, or messages overtly or covertly disparaging the Qur'an, any of the Prophets & Messengers, or any of the Prophet's Companions (may Allah be pleased with them).

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And check out our Youtube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@MajlisDelVal>

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Stay in contact with the OME. The office's main objective is to assist in providing needed resources to the greater Muslim community in Philadelphia.

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