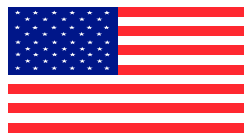


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CONSENSUS:

Imams attending the 2016 Imams' Conference agreed on the following areas of consensus on the current Community process of moon sighting and determining the dates of the beginning of the month of Ramadan, Eidul-Fitr, and Eidul-Adha.

BACKGROUND:

The Section Conveners of Imams associated with the Community of Imam W. Deen Mohammed adhere to the general principle of local sighting (within the continental USA) with the naked eye to determine the beginning of the month of Ramadan and Eidul-Fitr date. We also utilize Allah's gift of science to help pinpoint when and where naked eye sightings are most probable to occur. The current process includes:

- Section Conveners take shuraa on possible hilal (new moon) sighting dates, as a result of astronomical projections and known moon sightings (establishing the dates of the preceding month);
- A joint statement is issued asking local Imams and Believers throughout the country to search the sky when the hilal is expected to occur;
- **When naked eye sightings occur within the continental USA, the information is reported and confirmed with local Imams or reputable Muslim organizations. Reports should include: 1) the person(s) sighting, 2) sighting location, and 3) photographic details;**
- Local Imams then relay the details of confirmed sighting reports to their Section Convener who are responsible for posting the sighting on the Community website (iwdmcommunity.com). Other confirmed sightings meeting the above-mentioned criteria from reputable Muslim organizations are also posted. In addition to the website posting, email notification is sent to Imams and Community leaders throughout the country.

The date for Eidul-Adha has traditionally been recognized as the 10th day of Dhul-Hijjah (the day following the Day of Arafat). When this day is identified, Shuraa among the Conveners is taken, a date is determined, and email notification is sent to Imams and Community leaders and is posted on the Community website.