Saudis issue false moon sighting announcement

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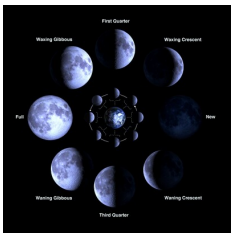
Eid-ul-Adha date, 2018

1. In a large number of countries, Eid-ul-Adha will be held on 22 August 2018. Among these are: Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, South Africa and some other African countries, and even the Arab countries of Tunisia and Egypt.
2. In most of these countries, the new moon was actually observed on 12 August, giving the date of 22 August for Eid-ul-Adha. (A few used calculation methods.)
3. Saudi Arabia announced on 11 August that the new moon had been sighted and Eid-ul-Adha would be on 21 August. Many other countries followed the Saudi date without question.
4. It was entirely impossible for the new moon to be seen in Saudi Arabia on 11 August, or in almost the whole of the world. This can be confirmed from any astronomical body, and from Muslim experts as well.
5. ***It stands established that Saudi Arabia knowingly made a false announcement of moon sighting.***
6. If Saudi Arabia had not made its announcement, Eid-ul-Adha would have been celebrated in the vast majority of countries (except a few) on 22 August.
7. Who is going to hold Saudi Arabia accountable for:
    1. knowingly making a false announcement in the name of Islam,
    2. breaking Muslim unity by preventing Eid from being held on the same day in most of the world?

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