



**The fifth question of Fatwa no. 7956**

**Q 5: The Sawm (Fasting) of Ramadan began this year on Friday. Some people already observed Sawm on Thursday. But you gave a Fatwa (legal opinion issued by a qualified Muslim scholar) that the missed day of Ramadan should be made up for, as it was confirmed that Thursday was the first day of Ramadan. Should those who observed Sawm on Thursday also make up for this missed day of Sawm? Will observing Sawm on Thursday, at the beginning of the month, be sufficient for them?**

**A:** Anyone who observed Sawm on Thursday should make up for the day missed at the beginning of Ramadan, as they did not observe it intending it to be part of the month of Ramadan. Moreover, they observed Sawm on this day believing that it was the Day of Doubt (so called because there is doubt concerning it - is it the last day of Sha'ban or the first day of Ramadan). It is not permissible to observe Sawm on the Day of Doubt. Fasting the Day of Doubt is not sufficient if it is later known that this day was a part of Ramadan.

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