

Must the six days of Shawwāl be fasted directly after ‘Eid day?.



In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question : Should the voluntary Ṣawm (Fast) of the six days of Shawwāl be observed directly after Ramadan, following the day of `Eid-ul-Fitr (the Festival of Breaking the Fast), or is it permissible to start observing it several days after `Eid-ul-Fitr, during the month of Shawwāl?

Answer : It is not necessary to observe this Ṣawm directly after `Eid-ul-Fitr. It is permissible to start observing it one or more days afterwards. The six days can be observed either consecutively or non-consecutively during the month of Shawwāl, whichever is easier. This matter is open to choice, as this Sawm is Sunnah and not Faridah (obligatory act).

May Allāh (ﷻ) grant us success. May Allāh (ﷻ)'s Praise and Peace descend upon our Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), his family, and Companions.

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