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## Umm al-Qura prayer schedule is incorrect

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

**Shaykh al-Uthaymeen** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup> said: The Fajr is from the rising of the second Fajr, and it is the whiteness which is visible in the horizon, until the sun rises. And at this point I caution, and I say, verily the calendar, the calendar for Umm al-Qura is five minutes early for the Adhaan of Fajr; year round. It is five minutes early. Meaning the one who prays according to the Adhaan of this calendar has prayed before the prayer time. And this is something that we take into account based on the astronomical calculation and the sighting of the eye. Therefore this calendar should not be relied on for the Adhaan of Fajr because it is early. And this is very dangerous. If a person makes the opening takbeer for the prayer before the prayer time has entered then his prayer is not correct, whether the prayer is supererogatory or obligatory. Therefore the time is from the rise of the (second) Fajr.

Many people have spoken with me, from those that live here in the open area without any lights around them; they say that they do not witness the Fajr until one third of an hour after the time stated on this calendar; one third of an hour, twenty minutes, or fifteen minutes sometimes. But as for the other calendars which are based upon astronomical calculations then there is a difference of five minutes between them and this calendar.

At any rate; the time for Fajr is from the rising of the second Fajr, which is the whiteness of the horizon until the rising of the sun.

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him