

## Performing Salaah without announcing Adhaan (call to Prayer)

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Question: Some people perform Salaah without having proclaimed the Adhaan (call to Prayer). What is the ruling on this?

Answer: It is not permissible for them to perform Salaah without having proclaimed the Adhaan, for the Adhaan is a collective duty on Muslims residing in a given country. Likewise, those on a journey have to also proclaim the Adhaan for Salaah as was the practice of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)<sup>1</sup> while on a journey. Moreover, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is reported to have said to Maalik ibn Al-Huwayrith after he and his companions asked permission of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) to return to their home country: When the time for Salaah is due, one of you should announce Adhaan (call to Prayer) and the oldest among you should lead the prayers.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, if the inhabitants of a given country do not proclaim the Adhaan, they will all be considered sinful. By the same token, before attacking any country, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) would wait till morning. Once morning rose, he would leave it if he heard the proclamation of Adhaan; otherwise, he would launch his attack. At the same time, Adhaan is not a condition of the validity of Salaah. In other words, if some people perform Salaah without having proclaimed the Adhaan, their performance of Salaah will still be valid.

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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<sup>1</sup> (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

<sup>2</sup> Recorded by both Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim.