

Time for daily prayers

Time for Zuhr and Asr prayers

Issue No.1- If a stick, a pole, or anything similar to it, which acts as an indicator (shakhis) is made to stand on a level ground, its shadow will fall westwards when the sun rises in the morning, and as the sun continues to rise, the shadow cast by the indicator will reduce in size. And in our cities it becomes smallest at the time of the commencement of Zuhr. And as Zuhr passes the shadow cast by the indicator turns eastwards, and as the sun moves towards west the shadow gets longer. Based on this, when the shadow is the shortest, and it begins getting longer again, it is known that Zuhr has taken place, and this time is called "Time of Zawal). However, in other cities like in Mecca, the shadow disappears totally, so, when it reappears, it indicates Zuhr.

Issue No.2- The time for Zuhr and Asr prayers is from Time of Zawal till sunset. But, Asr Prayer must be after Zuhr Prayer. However, if a person had not prayed Zuhr till the end of time, and the time left before Qadha allows only one Prayer to be performed, he will first offer Asr prayers in time and then his Zuhr will be Qadha.

Time for Maghrib and Isha prayers

Issue No.3- The Maghrib and Isha Prayers should be performed after Maghrib, which happens when the redness in the eastern sky appearing after sunset has disappeared. The Maghrib prayer must be performed before Isha prayer.

Issue No.4- In normal circumstances, the prescribed time for Maghrib and Isha prayers is till midnight. But if forgetfulness, oversleeping or similar unusual situations prevent one from performing the prayers till midnight, then for them the time will continue till Fajr sets in.

Issue No.5- The night will be calculated, as an obligatory precaution, from sunset till dawn (Subh-e-Sadiq).

Issue No.6- If the time left over is just enough for Isha prayers to be offered within time, then Isha should be performed and Maghrib is Qadha.

Time for Fajr prayer

Issue No.7- Just before dawn a column of whiteness rises upwards from the east. It is called the first dawn. When this whiteness spreads, it is called the second dawn (Subh-e-Sadiq), and it is the Prime time for Fajr prayers. The time for Fajr prayers is till sunrise.
