

Statement Regarding The Holy Month of Ramadan 1437H, Corresponding to 2016

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful.

All Praise is due to Allah and peace and blessings be upon the seal of all the Prophets and Messengers.

Following extensive consultations with nation-wide Islamic leaders in Australia and their representatives, the office of the Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohammed and the Australian National Imams Council wish to make the following statements regarding the Muslim community:

- All indicators from both the local region and bordering Islamic countries and the European council of Fatwa suggest a strong possibility that the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan for this year, 1437H or 2016, will begin on Monday 6th of June 2016.
- The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohammed and the respected Imams of the Australian National Imams Council, emphasise the importance of confirming the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan in advance to avoid the nullification of fasting and to provide the community sufficient time to make its necessary preparations.
- Islam stresses the importance of promoting cultural and societal pluralism. As such, it is highly encouraged to invite non-Muslim families to join Muslims in the act of breaking their fast.

The Grand Mufti of Australia and the Australian National Imams Council call upon all Muslims to preserve their fasting while considering their brothers and sisters facing adversity around the world. Finally, do not forget to keep your brothers and sisters in your prayers, asking Allah to end their wars, to grant them peace and security in their countries, our country Australia and all around the world.

May Allah bless this holy month for you and your family and may your worship and fasting be accepted this year.

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