

ŞADAQATUL-FİṬR

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Rasūlullāh ﷺ made Şadaqatul-Fiṭr of Ramaḍān obligatory upon every Muslim... (Muslim)

What is Şadaqatul-Fiṭr?

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr is a charity which is given to the poor on the day of 'Īd so that they can also acquire the happiness of 'Īd without having to beg.

Upon whom is Şadaqatul-Fiṭr obligatory?

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr is obligatory upon every free Muslim who has wealth beyond his basic needs and which reaches the value of nişāb (612.36 grams of silver).

It is also necessary for a father to give Şadaqatul-Fiṭr on behalf of his non-bāligh child or bāligh insane child if they do not possess their own wealth to the value of nişāb. If a non-bāligh child or bāligh insane child has his/her own personal wealth which reaches the nişāb, then the father will give from this wealth. He may also give it on behalf of them from his own wealth.

When does Şadaqatul-Fiṭr become obligatory?

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr becomes obligatory on every person mentioned above if they are alive at the dawn of 'Īdul-Fiṭr.

When should Şadaqatul-Fiṭr be given?

It is preferable to give Şadaqatul-Fiṭr before the 'Īd Şalāh after dawn on the day of 'Īdul-Fiṭr.

Can Şadaqatul-Fiṭr be given in advance?

Yes. Şadaqatul-Fiṭr can be given anytime once Ramaḍān commences. The spirit of Şadaqatul-Fiṭr is to ensure that even the poor people do not feel deprived on the day of 'Īd. In view of this, it will be advisable to give Şadaqatul-Fiṭr in advance.

Will the obligation of Şadaqatul-Fiṭr be absolved if it is not given on the day of 'Īd?

No. The obligation will still remain and it will be necessary to give it even after the day of 'Īd; anytime during one's lifetime.

How much is Şadaqatul-Fiṭr?

Şadaqatul-Fiṭr is ½ şā' of wheat or 1 şā' of barley, raisins or dates.

What is the current value of Şadaqatul-Fiṭr?

The prices of the above items vary considerably. After taking into consideration their retail prices in Leicester, an acceptable price for each is given in the chart above. It will be allowed to suffice on the lowest amount, however, to give according to the value of the dearer items is more virtuous.

Wheat

£5.00

Barley

£8.00

Raisins

£30.00

Dates

KHUDRĪ £23.00

ŞAFAWĪ £33.00

'AJWAH £45.00

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