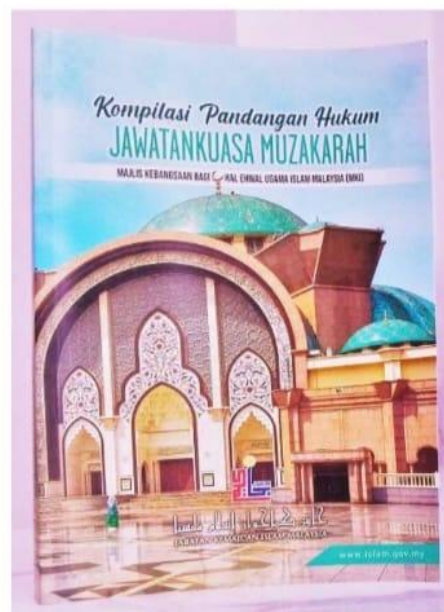


Malaysian Fatwa by JAKIM on the Use of Optical Aids for Moon Sighting (2021)

PENGISBATAN ANAK BULAN DARI PERSPEKTIF SYARIAH DAN ASTRONOMI

MKI Kali Ke-119:

1. Hukum melihat anak bulan melalui mata kasar dengan bantuan peralatan optik adalah harus;
2. Kenampakan anak bulan menggunakan teknik pengimejan adalah diharuskan dengan parameter yang ditetapkan oleh JAKIM melalui Garis Panduan/ Tatacara Pensabitan Kenampakan Anak Bulan Menerusi Teknik Pengimejan;
3. Kenampakan anak bulan hendaklah memenuhi kriteria Imkanur Rukyah;
4. Bilangan saksi bagi pengisbatan anak bulan hendaklah terdiri daripada seorang saksi yang adil untuk anak bulan Ramadan dan dua orang saksi bagi selain Ramadan. Manakala bagi teknik pengimejan hendaklah disaksikan oleh dua saksi Muslim yang adil; dan
5. Kesaksian wanita diterima dalam kenampakan anak bulan.



Translation (from Malay to English)

Legal Rulings on the Crescent Moon Sightings from Shariah and Astronomy Perspectives

MKI 119th Session:

1. The ruling on seeing the crescent moon with the naked eye with the help of optical equipment is permissible.
2. The sighting of the crescent moon using imaging techniques is permissible with the parameters set by JAKIM through the guidelines/procedures for the proof of the sighting of the crescent moon through Imaging Techniques.
3. The sighting of the crescent moon must meet the criteria¹ of *Imkanur Rukyah* (predicted visibility).
4. The number of witnesses for the proof of the crescent moon must consist of one fair witness for Ramadan and two fair witnesses for other months. While for imaging techniques, it must be witnessed by two fair Muslim witnesses; and
5. The testimony of women is accepted in the sighting of the crescent moon.

Compilation of Fatawa by the Federal Fatwa Committee, Malaysia (2021) / JAKIM (www.islam.gov.my)

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¹ Malaysian Imkanur Rukyah Criteria (MABIMS 2021): 3° Altitude; 6.4° Elongation – subject to change with more data collection.