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In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

Announcement Regarding the New Crescent of THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADHAN 1430

To all believers in North America,

May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon all of you.

The Crescent Committee of the Council of the Shia Muslim Scholars in North America makes the following announcement regarding the new crescent of the Holy Month of Ramadhan 1430:

The new crescent was reportedly sighted in several regions of the world at sunset on Friday, August 21st, 2009. As for the United States and Canada most regions were cloudy.

Therefore, based on the following two points:

- His Eminence Grand Ayatullah Sayyid Sistani's opinion is: "The sighting of the new crescent in any region establishes the possibility of its sighting--had there been no barriers--in regions located to its west, as long as they are not too distant in latitude."
- He has mentioned the following condition in his verdict (see the link): "the standard for the attainment of a sense of assurance should be through the correlation of 'the size and the altitude of the new crescent' in the region where the new crescent is sighted to other regions."

Saturday, August 22nd, 2009 is the first day of the month of Ramadhan for anyone who attains a sense of assurance based on the above criteria.

It is worth mentioning for those still following the Late Grand Ayatullah Sayyid al-Khoei that the 1st of the Month of Ramadhan will be on Saturday in all of North America.

We Ask Allah to accept all our deeds and worships in this Holy Month.

The Crescent Committee

Note: The committee was established in the 8th annual conference of the Council of Shia Muslim Scholars in North America which was held in the suburbs of D.C. in the month of Thu el-Qida 1429

Our Criteria for Declaring the Start of the Holy Month, please click here.

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