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Media Statement
Eid Al Fitr declaration
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With the birth of the new moon at 5:00 AM today, AFIC, Australian Dar Al-Iftaa and AFIC's National Sharia Board (ANSB) would like to congratulate the Muslim community as we approach Eid Al Fitr, the festival of breaking the fast on Thursday 13 May 2021.

Along with confirming the birth of the Shawwal Crescent today, it is confirmed that the crescent will be first sightable in Kolkata, India at 8 PM their time corresponding with 11 PM Sydney time.

Further, as today marks the 30th day of Ramadan and there were no confirmed sightings yesterday, the Eid must be Thursday 13 May 2021.

AFIC, Australian Dar Al-Iftaa and ANSB completely submit to the Hadith of our beloved prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, on sightability being the determinant of the commencement of the new month, we propose that the term chosen by our beloved prophet, peace and blessings upon him, would encompass scientific sightability. This is explained in a separate paper that you will be able to find on our website.

AFIC and ANSB strive to unite the Muslim community and continue to seek the inclusion of the conflicting bodies of Imams in the best interests of Islam, the community and society.

Islam is a uniting faith and Alhamdulillah, we all agree that unity is Fard (obligatory). To fulfil this obligation, we must strive to overcome the things that divide us.

For these reasons, we implore the community to unite for Eid and commence our Eid celebration from Thursday 13 May 2021.

Eid Mubarak everyone, may Allah bless you and bless your loved ones - On this Eid - Please make special prayers for our brothers and sisters in Palestine.

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