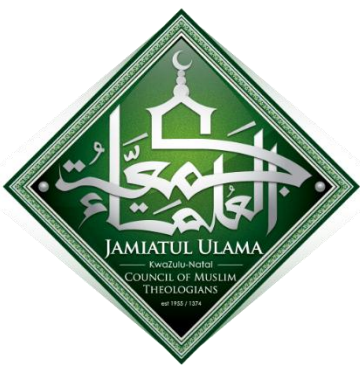




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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُصَلِّي وَنُسَلِّمُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ الْكَرِيمِ

The Azaan on a PA System

To all Imams & Trustees of Masaajid/Musallahs,

The Azaan is a great and vital symbol of our beautiful Deen, serving as a public declaration of the call to Salaah and a reminder of our devotion to Allah Ta'ala.

Many masaajid in South Africa use PA systems to broadcast the five daily Azaan.

Alhamdulillah, as South African Muslims, we enjoy the great freedom to practise Islam openly and without hindrance. We make du'aa that Allah Ta'ala continues to bless us with this immense bounty and favour.

At the same time, as a minority living among predominantly non-Muslim communities, it is essential that we remain mindful of the sentiments of others and show due consideration to our neighbours.

In this regard, a number of complaints have been received concerning the amplification of the Azaan, particularly at the time of Fajr. It is not in keeping with the principles and spirit of our Deen that we cause disturbance or discomfort to others, especially through loud amplification at such early hours.

It should also be noted that the use of a PA system for the Azaan is not a requirement of the Shari'ah. The Azaan itself is an act of 'ibaadah, but its amplification through electronic means is not obligatory.

As for the other Salaah times, the use of PA systems may continue; however, sound levels should remain moderate and acceptable, ensuring that they do not cause inconvenience or hardship to others, particularly the elderly, the ill, or young children.

This reflects the balance, wisdom, and mercy of our Shari'ah, which guides us to uphold our religious practices while maintaining harmony, consideration, and good character in all aspects of our lives.

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