



08 October 2014

RELIGIOUS ADVISORY ON PERFORMING THE ECLIPSE PRAYER

Introduction

1. In the event of an eclipse, a Muslim is encouraged to perform the eclipse prayers. It is one of the highly encouraged sunnah and it can be done personally or in congregation.
2. The prayer starts as early as the start of the eclipse. If someone misses the time and the eclipse has ended, it is not necessary for someone who has missed the prayer to perform the *qadhak*.
3. If the prayer is performed in congregation, a sermon can be given after the prayer, reminding Muslims of the greatness of Allah, and the need to repent. The pre-requisites and conditions of the sermon are the same as that of the Friday sermon.

HOW TO PERFORM ECLIPSE PRAYER

4. There are two ways to perform the Eclipse Prayer. The first version is to perform it like any other two *rakaat sunnah* prayer – two *rakaat*, ending with *salam*.
5. The second version: two *rakaat*, but in each *rakaat*, there will be two *ruku'* (bow) and two *Al-Fatihah*. Prayers will start with the recitation of *Al-Fatihah*, and recitation of a *surah* (preferably a long *surah*, such as Al-Baqarah), followed by *ruku'* and *i'tidal* (standing for a while after bowing). However, instead of proceeding to *sujud* (prostrate) repeat the

recitation of *Al-Fatihah* and another *surah*, then *ruku'* and *i'tidal* again. It is only after this that one makes one's *sujud*. Repeat the cycle for the second *rakaat*, and then end with the *tahiyyah* and *salam* as per normal prayers.

6. If the prayer is done in congregation, the Imam can choose to stand after prayer is over to deliver the two sermons.

**OFFICE OF THE MUFTI
ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS COUNCIL OF SINGAPORE**