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Urgent Notice

Subject: Regarding instruction for prayers at mosques by maintaining health rules.

For the outbreak of Coronavirus, whole country is shut down and public meeting is being prohibited. Accordingly, through the notifications by Ministry of Religious Affairs on April 06, 2020 and 23 April, 2020, in mosques 5-time prayers and Juma prayer, and in the Holy Ramadan month Tarabih Salat, for the limited size, instruction is provided and notification is issued. Country's Top Local scholars and religious leaders consider Holy Ramadan Month importantly and honorable Prime Minister announced requirements with emphasis to relax the conditions for prayer in Mosque. In the recent overall consideration by the government, prohibitions in several cases are relaxed. In the meantime, by following the instructions and special cautions matters issued by Cabinet Department and health service department, from 7th May (Jahur- noon time) worshipers are allowed to pray at the mosque and Jammaat.

2. In the above condition, Country's Top Local religious scholars advise from 7th May (Jahur-prayer- noon time) in the following, healthy worshiper is permitted to pray at the mosque in Jamaat;

- (1) In the mosque, carpet cannot be laid. Before every prayer (5-time), all the mosques have to be cleaned bacteriologically and each worshiper comes by own responsibility.
- (2) Hand sanitizer and arrangement for washing hands with soap have to be prepared at the entrance of the mosque and worshipers have to wear mask.
- (3) Everyone has to perform ablutions at home before coming to mosques. And washing time has to be more than 20 seconds at least with soap and request to pray Sunnah prayer at home.
- (4) When worshipers pray in crowd, social distance, that is every 3 feet has to be kept.
- (5) Should maintain row gap and stand one row gap in between.
- (6) Child, Aged person, sick person and person engaged in health service cannot participate in Jamaat.

(7) For infection prevention, soap/hand sanitizer has to be prepared at the place for ablution. Worshipers should bring prayer mat & hat from home and should avoid using preserved prayer mat & cap in the mosque.

(8) In the public protection rule, instructions by health service department, local administration law system controller have to be followed.

(9) Iftar and Sehri cannot be arranged inside the mosque.

(10) Regarding keeping the mentioned conditions, in every mosque, maximum 5 person can be positioned to keep the safe distance for Ihtikaf (staying at mosque during Ramadan).

(11) To protect from Coronavirus pandemic, at the end of prayer to bless the great Rabbul and Alain, request to Khatib and Mosque Leader (imam) is possible and,

(12) Imam (Leader of the mosque) and Mosque circulation committee will coordinate the above issues.

3. If above mentioned directions are violated, local administration, law system controller and related responsible authorities will take legal measures. To resist deadly Coronavirus infection, officer and employees of local administration, law system controller, Islamic Foundation and related Mosque circulation committee have been requested to implement the above directions.

4. This notice is issued for public interest with appropriate approval.

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