

Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr

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Rasūlullāh ﷺ ordered the giving of one sā' of dates or one sā' of barley as Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr on every Muslim slave and free person, male and female, minor and adult. (Al-Bukhārī)

❖ What is Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr?

Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr is a charity which is given to the poor on the day of 'Īd so that they can also acquire the happiness of 'Īd without having to beg.

❖ Upon whom is Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr obligatory?

Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr is obligatory upon every free sane Muslim who has wealth beyond his basic needs and which reaches the value of nisāb (612.36 grams of silver).

It is also necessary for a father to give Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr on behalf of his minor children if they do not possess their own wealth to the value of nisāb. If a minor child has his/her own personal wealth which reaches the nisāb then the father can give from this wealth.

❖ When does Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr become obligatory?

Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr becomes obligatory on every person mentioned above if they are alive at the dawn of 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr.

❖ When should Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr be given?

It is preferable to take out the Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr before going for 'Īd Salāh after dawn on the day of 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr.

❖ Can Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr be given in advance?

Yes. Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr can be given anytime once Ramaḍān commences.

❖ Will a person's obligation be absolved if he does not give Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr on the day of 'Īd?

No. The obligation of Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr will still remain and he will be obliged to give it even after the day of 'Īd; anytime during his lifetime.

❖ How much is Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr?

Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr is ½ sā' of wheat or 1 sā' of barley, raisins or dates.

❖ What is the current value of Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr?

The prices of the above items upon which Şadaqat-ul-Fiṭr can be given vary considerably, hence, after taking into consideration their retail prices in Leicester, their concluded prices are given in the chart below. **£3.00*** per head is an acceptable amount however, to give according to the value of the dearer items is more virtuous.

<u>Wheat</u>	<u>Barley</u>	<u>Raisins</u>	<u>Dates (Şafawī)</u>	<u>Dates ('Ajwah)</u>
£3.00	£12.25	£17.50	£29.60	£53.50

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