

# Global Moon Sighting



# Juristic Views

- Hanafi, Mäliki, Hanbali: Single Horizon
- Shäfi'ë: Divided Horizons
  - 1 horizon = 133 km
  - Brampton to Port Hope

# Hanafi, Mäliki, Hanbali Evidence

- General context of Abu Hurairah’s hadëth:

*“Fast upon viewing [the first moon] and cease fasting upon viewing it. If it is obscured from you then complete the duration of 30 days .”*

*(Bukhâri: 1909)*

# Shäfi'ë Evidence

Hadëth of Kuraib

*“... Will you not suffice with Mu'äwiya's  
viewing and his fasting?”*

*“No. This is what Allah's Messenger pbuh had  
instructed us.”*

*(Muslim: 2528)*

# Practical Situation

- Sighting: Ramadhan, Shawwal, Dhul Hijja
- First Moon normally appears in the western hemisphere first
- Sighting in East constitutes sighting in West
- Tables

# Recommendations

- Define area where unity and uniformity is required
- Define parameters that will not put community in question in hardship
- Design body that will advocate this procedure to all Islamic organizations in the defined community

