Announcing Adhan (call to Prayer) in its due time

The nineteenth and twentieth question of Fatwa No. 5953

Q19: Some Mu’adhinun (callers to Prayer) delay announcing the Adhan until the Iqamah (call to start the prayer) has been announced in the neighboring Masjids (mosques). In such a case, should we announce the Iqamah depending on the Adhan that has been announced in other Masjids or should we announce the Adhan and then announce the Iqamah immediately?

A: The Mu’adhin should announce the Adhan when the time of Salah is due. If he delays announcing it for a legal excuse or other reasons, he will not be required to announce it as long as people hear the Adhan in other Masjids.

Q20: What is the ruling on the person who announces the Adhan ten minutes before its due time? Should he announce it again? May Allah reward you well!

A: It is not permissible to announce the Adhan before the time of Salah is due. Whoever announces the Adhan before the due time of Salah should announce it again when the time of Salah is due.

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Fajr (dawn) prayer is an exception for that rule. The Adhan should be announced before its due time and another Adhan should be announced when the time is due.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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