The third question of Fatwa No. 9191

Q3: What is the reasonable amount of Qur'an an Imam should recite in Jahri Salah (Prayer recited out loud) taking into consideration that there are very old men present? How long should we stay between the Adhan (call to Prayer) and the Iqamah (call to start the Prayer)?

A: This matter differs according to the circumstances of the people who are performing congregational Salah at this Masjid (mosque). Every Imam should take into consideration the circumstances of the people who are performing Salah behind him. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ("Whoever leads people in prayer, he should lighten it because there are among them the minor, the aged, the weak, and the one who has to finish his affairs.") This Hadith was reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim.

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

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