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Adhān Ruling Appealed

A blind man came to Nabī sallāllahu 'alayhi wa sallam and said: "O Messenger of Allāh sallāllahu 'alayhi wa sallam, I have no one to lead me to the Masjid." He, therefore, asked Nabī sallāllahu 'alayhi wa sallam to allow him to perform Salāh at home, which Nabī sallāllahu 'alayhi wa sallam did. When the man was leaving, Nabī sallāllahu 'alayhi wa sallam called him back and said: "Can you hear the Adhān?" He replied in the affirmative. Thereupon, Nabī sallāllahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: "Then respond to it." (Muslim, 653)

Brief History

In an application heard in 2020, the applicant sought an order from the court to, amongst other things, impose a ban on the calling of the Adhān at Madrasah Taaleemuddeen, Isipingo Beach. The Durban court ruled that the Adhān be restricted so that the sound does not reach the neighbour's property even without amplification. The appeal court will reconsider that decision in Bloemfontein tomorrow Inshā Allāh (Monday 19 September 2022, starting at 9am).

All conditions are from Allāh Ta'ālā

The Adhān is from the Sha'air (salient features) of Islām, and Allāh Ta'ālā, through His infinite Mercy, has allowed us the freedom to call the Adhān out anywhere in our country. The challenge we now face is a consequence of our own actions. The number of Musallīs in the Masjid at any time besides Jumu'ah is a reflection of our indifference to the call of Allāh Ta'ālā. Allāh Ta'ālā forbid, if we do not repent and mend our ways, this freedom could easily be snatched away from us.

What can we do?

1. Give some Sadaqah (even if it be a little), with the intention of having the ruling reversed.
2. Those who are able to fast tomorrow should do so.
3. Perform at least 2 Rak'āt of Salāt tomorrow morning, preferably at Tahajjud time, and make Du'a.
4. Remain in dhikr for the duration of the hearing.
5. Resolve to honour the Adhān by stopping all activity when the Adhān is called and replying to the call of the Muazzin.
6. Make Taubah and a firm commitment to fulfil the right of Allāh Ta'ālā by responding to the Adhān and performing Salāt in the Masjid (for men).

If a blind Sahābī radhiyallāhu 'anhu, who did not have anyone to lead him to the Masjid, was not excused, what reason could we have not to present ourselves before Allāh Ta'ālā?

May Allāh Ta'ālā make a decision of 'āfiyah and goodness for us all and may Allāh Ta'ālā reward, in full, the attorneys and all those assisting in representing the Ummah in this matter. Āmīn