



## [Question]

The Religious Questions Office of His Eminence Grand Ayatullah Seestani (may Allah protect His Highness),

Salam alaykum.

With felicitations on the arrival of the blessed month of Ramadhan, it is respectfully submitted to His Excellency that:

*For the followers of His Eminence Ayatullah Seestani (may Allah protect His Highness) in the city of London, England, was the first day of the blessed month of Ramadhan of the current year on Tuesday 2 September 2008 or on Wednesday 3 September 2008?*

I offer in advance my utmost thanks to His Excellency for his attention.

## [Answer]

**In His name, the Most Exalted,**

**The advent of the new month is dependent upon the presence of the crescent on the horizon of the “*Mukallaf*” [one who has to observe Islamic laws] in a manner that it can be seen with ordinary unaided naked eye.**

Stamped with the seal of the Board of Religious Questions of the Office of Grand Ayatullah Seestani, Qum.

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