

Islam Question & Answer

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20225 - Do women have to pronounce the adhaan and iqamah?

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Please can you tell me if it is obligatory for women to call the iqamah before they pray alone or in congregation with other sisters.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The Standing Committee for Issuing Fatwas was asked: Is it prescribed in sharee'ah that a woman should say the iqamah when she is leading other women in prayer?

They replied:

It is not prescribed for women to say the iqamah for prayer, whether they are praying individually or one woman leads the others in prayer, just as it is not prescribed for them to say the adhaan.

Fataawa al-Lajnah al-Daa'imah, 6/84

Shaykh Ibn Baaz (may Allaah have mercy on him) was asked: Is it permissible for a woman to do the adhaan and iqamah for prayer or not?

The shaykh replied:

It is not prescribed for women to pronounce the adhaan or iqamah for prayer, rather that is for men. Neither the adhaan nor the iqamah is prescribed for women, rather they should pray without the adhaan or the iqamah.

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Majmoo' Fataawa wa Maqaalaat Mutanawwi'ah, 10/356.

And Allaah knows best.