

759 - Holding two jumu'ah prayers in one place

the question

Can we organize two Friday prayers!? We do not have a mosque until now inside the campus--we ask you for doa'a... May Allaah help us to gain a permanent room. Due to different schedules of the university, students can not attend Friday Prayer which is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. Currently new Muslim brothers are asking if we can hold a second Friday arrangement on campus. Is it correct to host two Friday prayers in the same campus or same place!?

I personally am afraid [the reality is that it is] madhhab excuses, and different groups favour one time to another. I urge you to answer this question fast

may Allaah reward you.

Detailed answer

All Praise be to Allaah.

After discussing the question you raised with the learned sheikh Abdul-Aziz bin Abdullaah bin Baz, he has indicated that Islamic shari'ah does not legislate holding two jumu'ah prayers in one place. You should choose the most convenient time--and its timing extends until the 'asr prayer--and urge and enjoin all the Muslims to attend. Note that it is mandatory to stop all work (including attending classes) for the jumu'ah prayer. Whoever misses it would pray the dhuhhr prayer.

May Allaah grant you all success in obeying Him and pleasing Him and may He ease your affairs wherever you may be.