

Islam Question & Answer

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the question

I am now living close to the arctic circle where during the winter we have up to only 4.5 hours of daylight. During Ramadan am I to only fast these hours? If Ramadan were to fall during the time around the longest day of the year we would have 24hrs. of daylight. Am I then to take the schedule followed by a city farther south than I am, such as Vancouver? My question also pertains to prayer times.

Thank you.

Detailed answer

Al-hamdu lillaah

If you are living in a country where you can clearly distinguish between day and night, then during Ramadan you are required to fast from the break of dawn to sunset regardless of the length of day.

May Allaah make us fortunate by guiding us to that which pleases him and helping us worship him in the best way possible.