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The ruling on Adhan and Iqamah

The first question of Fatwa No. 7335

Q: There is a large mosque in the town where Friday Prayer and congregational prayers are observed. Is it permissible to offer Salah (Prayer) in that mosque without Adhan (call to Prayer) or Iqamah (call to start the Prayer)? Is the Salah valid if a muezzin, due to his lack of knowledge, does not say, 'Al-Salah Khairun Min Al-Nawm', meaning, Salah is better than sleep, in his call to Fajr (Dawn) Prayer? Is Salah permissible if a muezzin, due to lack of knowledge, replaces Iqamah with Adhan or does not repeat the formulae of the Iqamah?

A: The Adhan and Iqamah are collective obligations. A person should make Iqamah before starting the Salah. However, the Salah is valid if it is observed without the Adhan and Iqamah due to forgetfulness or lack of knowledge, and so on. Likewise, if a muezzin does not say, 'Al-Salah Khairun Min Al-Nawm' in his call to Fajr (Dawn) Prayer, the Salah will be valid even if there is enough time to repeat it.

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