

What about the Last Wednesday of Safar? Are they Days of Rejoicing?

Q: Ilm-34: Is there any basis for celebrating the last Wednesday of Safar in which schools and Madrassahs have holidays. It is said that it was on this day that Rasulullaah SAW. was cured of his illness, took a bath and went out to relax. Muslims should therefore celebrate this day. Is this true? It is more than people of the Berelwi group who celebrate these days.

Answer: All of the above is completely without any basis. It is not permissible for Muslims to celebrate the last Wednesday of Safar. Shamsut Tawaareekh and other books state that it was on a Monday 26 Safar 11 A.H. that Rasulullaah SAW. gave the command for an army to march against the Romans. It was then on Tuesday the 27th of Safar that Rasulullaah SAW. appointed Hadhrat Usaama bin Zaid RADI. as the commander of this army and although Rasulullaah SAW. had taken ill on Wednesday the 28th, he handed over to Hadhrat Usaama RADI. the flag that he had himself prepared. The army had not yet left by the evening of the 28th, when Rasulullaah SAW.'s condition became very serious. This condition remained into Thursday the 29th and it was on that night that Rasulullaah SAW. appointed Hadhrat Abu Bakr RADI. to lead the Isha salaah.

The above makes it apparent that Rasulullaah SAW.'s illness became considerably worse on Wednesday the 28th of Safar. Such an event cannot at all be a day of celebration for any Muslim, but rather for the Jews. Celebrating this day and taking holidays on this day is not permissible and contrary to the Shari'ah. I cannot understand why people of the Berelwi group celebrate this day because their spiritual leader Molvi Ahmad Riza Khan did not celebrate it. Hereunder follows an extract from his Book Ahkaame Shari'ah (Vol.2 Pg.50):

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