The Four Rakaahs before the Zuhr and Jumu'ah salaahs

Q: Salaah-597: is it necessary to perform the four Rakaahs before the Zuhr and Jumu'ah salaahs with one Salaam or can it be completed with two Salaams? If one started the salaah and had to terminate it after two Rakaahs because Jamaa'ah commenced, is it necessary to perform all four after the Fardh salaah or will two suffice?

Answer: The four Rakaahs before the Zuhr and Jumu'ah salaahs needs to be performed with one Salaam. If it is terminated after two Rakaahs, it will not be regarded as Sunnah and four Rakaahs will have to be repeated after the Fardh salaah. The four will also have to be repeated with one Salaam if it was performed as two separate Rakaahs.

NOTE: If the Jamaa'ah salaah starts while one is performing the four Rakaahs Sunnah before Zuhr, it is best to complete the four Rakaahs before joining the Jamaa'ah.

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