

## Sha'baan, Blessed and Auspicious

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### THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SHA'BAAN — A MUBAARAK NIGHT — A MUBAARAK DAY

Both the Night and Day of 15<sup>th</sup> Sha'baan are blessed and auspicious occasions. The following acts associated with this Holy Day should be noted:

- (1) It is meritorious to spend as much of the 15<sup>th</sup> Night in ibaadat – individual ibaadat at home.
- (2) The customary 'big night' talks/lectures organized on this Night in the Musaaqid are bid'ah.
- (3) There are no specific acts of Masnoon ibaadat for this Night. All and any kind of ibaadat is valid in whatever form it is rendered. Nafil Salaat, Tilaawat, Thikr, Durood and Dua should be the acts of ibaadat performed individually at home.
- (4) Visiting the Qabrustaan (graveyard) on the 15<sup>th</sup> Night is also meritorious.
- (5) It is Sunnah to fast on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Sha'baan.

Regarding the 15<sup>th</sup> Sha'baan, there are two extremist (*Ghaali*) sects on opposite sides of Siraatul Mustaqeem which is the Pathway of the Ahlus Sunnah Wala Jama'ah comprising of the followers of the Four Math-habs.

The one group of extremists is the Barelvi sect of Grave-Worshippers. While they uphold this auspicious Night, they have introduced a number of shaitaani acts of bid'ah and grave-worship. Since they take their lead from the Hindu mushrikeen, they decorate the Musaaqid and the streets with a variety of coloured lights. Then they indulge in orgies of feasting and merrymaking by means of which they utterly ruin the sanctity of this auspicious occasion.

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