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O F Z A K A T U L  
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Ibn Umar\*(May Allah be pleased with him) says the Prophet of Allah (May peace be upon him) made Zakat ul-Fitr obligatory– i.e. a sa' of dates or a sa' of barley– upon every slave or free man, man or woman, young or old, upon every Muslim. He ordered it to be distributed before people came out for the prayer\*\*.

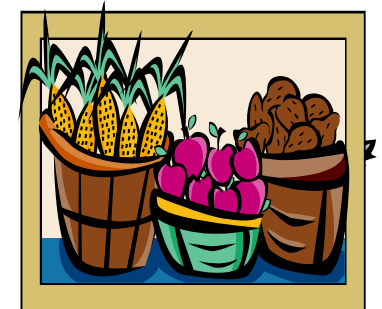
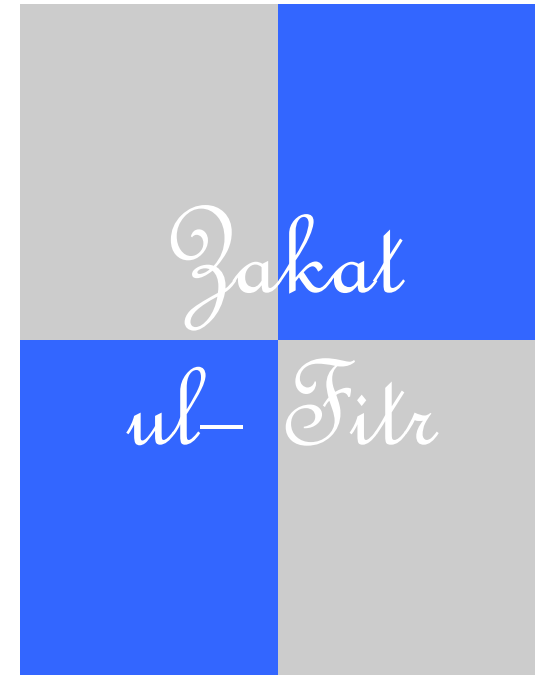
\*One of the closest companions of the Prophet (May peace be upon him). He was one of the sons of Umar-al-Khattab, the second khalifa after the Prophet (May peace be upon him).

\*\* i.e. Salat-ul-Eid on Eid-ul-Fitr.



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## **What does Zakat ul-Fitr mean?**

It means to purify. It purifies the one who gives it from his/her sins done inadvertently and increases one's reward.

## **Ruling:**

Obligatory upon every Muslim who has access to extra food.

## **Who gives Zakat ul-Fitr?**

The head of the household gives it for everyone in his household (including servants and newborns).

## **How much should be given in Zakat ul-Fitr?**

A sa' per person which is equivalent to 2.25 kg (about 5.06 lbs).

## **What should be given as Zakat ul-fitr?**

It is most preferable to give dates, barley, wheat, cottage cheese, and raisins. But if

\* Qur'an 2:43, 22:78, 24:56, 58:13, 87:14

other halal food items are more readily available, you may give them instead (i.e. rice, lentils, etc...).

## **May I give money instead of food?**

Yes, you may give \$10 (per person) in the donation boxes outside the Masjid marked Zakat ul Fitr.

## **To whom should Zakat ul-Fitr be given?**

The following categories of people may receive it: the penniless, people struggling to make ends meet and do not beg, institutions dealing with the distribution of Zakat, new Muslims, to free captives/slaves, those who are in debt, for the cause of Islam, and to a stranded traveler.

## **When should it be given?**

Money Collection: Aug 7—Aug 28

Food Collection: Aug 19—Aug 26

## **Can you appoint someone to give Zakat ul-Fitr on your behalf?**

It is permissible to give the items to a Masjid to distribute on your behalf.

## **Zakat ul Fitr Dates 1432/2011**

Money Collection:  
Aug 7—Aug 28

Food Collection\*:  
Aug 19—Aug 26

\*Available only at Dar-us-Salaam. No food collection during tarawih.

Dar-us-Salaam will be distributing Zakat ul Fitr food on Aug 27 & 28

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