

Pronouncing Takbir loudly by the Ma'mum

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Q: When the Imam (the one who leads congregational Prayer) pronounces Takbirat-ul-Ihram (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]" when begining Prayer), the Ma'mums (those led by an Imam in Prayer) pronounce "Allahu Akbar" audibly. As for the rest of the

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Takbirs in Salah (Prayer), they do not do so. Is pronouncing Takbirat-ul-Ihram audibly behind the Imam permissible or not?

A: It is desirable for the Imam to raise his voice each time he pronounces Takbir, so that those behind him will hear. As for the Ma'mums, it is desirable for them not to raise their voices during any of the Takbirs; they should utter it only to themselves. The raising of the voice by the Ma'mums is even considered a Bid'ah (rejected innovation in religion), and the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, (Whoever introduces something into this affair of ours that is not of it, it is to be rejected.)

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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