

Offering Salat-ul-`Eid (the Festival Prayer) in a sports club

Seventh question from Fatwa No. 6288

Q 17: What is the legal decision concerning the following deed: some youth invited people to offer Salat-ul-`Eid at one of the sports club as an act of reviving the Sunnah.

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It would be taken into consideration that the clubs are surrounded with houses and the place allocated for Salah is fenced. Indeed, these playgrounds are not designated for Salah but for play and amusement.

A: Performing Salah in such places is valid. You should contact the competent authority e.g. the Ministry of Endowment and Islamic Affairs, and relate the matter to them, as this is one of its responsibilities. They should set places for Salat-ul- `Eid for the people of the country. If they are already fixed, they should prevent these youth from offering Salat-ul- `Eid in the clubs so that they will offer it with Muslims in the designated Masjids (mosques) for this purpose.

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

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