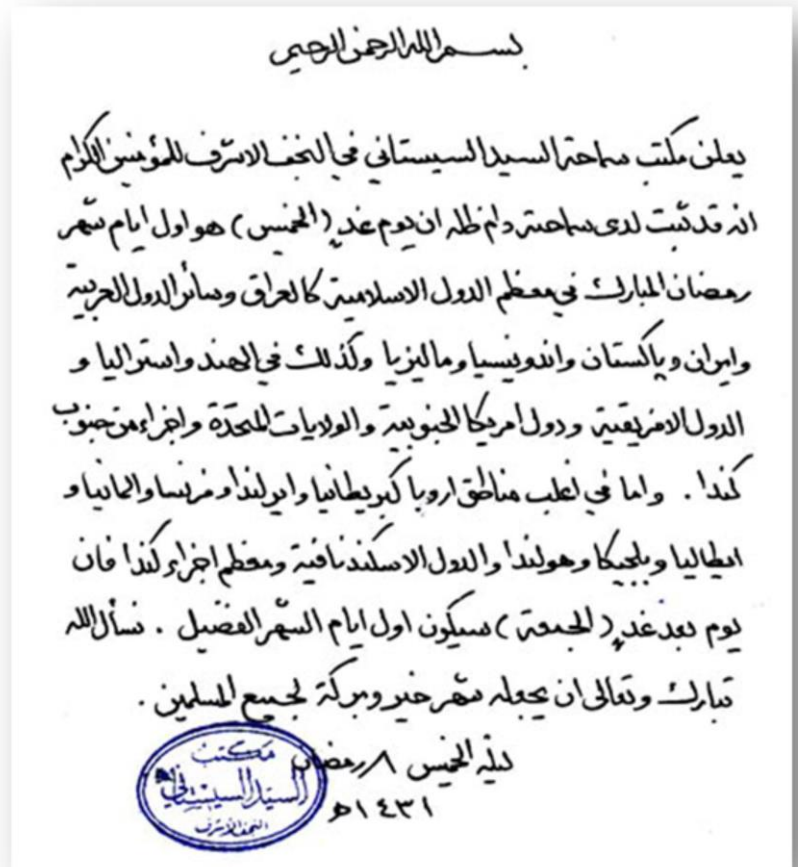


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In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

The office of His Eminence Sayyid al-Sistani in the Holy City of Najaf announces to the gracious believers that it has been proven to His Eminence (may Allah prolong his life) that tomorrow, Thursday, is the first day of the blessed month of Ramaḍan in most Islamic countries such as Iraq, the remaining Arab countries, Iran, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, as well as India, Australia, the African nations, the nations of South America, the United States, and areas of southern Canada. As for most regions of Europe such as Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, the Scandinavian nations, and most regions of Canada, the first of the days of the holy month will be the day after tomorrow, Friday. We ask Allah Almighty to make it a month of goodness and blessings for all Muslims.



The seal of the office of Sayyid al-Sistani

The Holy city of Najaf

The eve of Thursday, 1st of Ramaḍan, 1431 AH