128454 - Should the Mu’adhdhin Pray behind the Imam?

the question

Is it Sunnah for the Mu’adhdhin to stand directly behind the Imam 100%?
I hope that you can advise me so that we can put an end to an argument in the mosque.

Summary of answer

There is no specific Sunnah that is proven from the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) that the Mu’adhdhin should pray behind the Imam.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Is it Sunnah for the Mu’adhdhin to Pray Behind the Imam?

With regard to the Mu’adhdhin standing behind the Imam, there is no specific Sunnah that is proven from the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him).

Who should stand behind the Imam?

The only thing that is narrated concerning that is that it is recommended for those who are most wise and dignified to be closest to the Imam. The Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: “Let those who are most wise and dignified be closest to me”. (Narrated by Muslim, 432)

The Best Position for the Mu’adhdhin After the Iqamah

But there is nothing wrong with leaving a space behind the Imam for the Mu’adhdhin to stand when he has finished reciting the Iqamah or call immediately preceding the prayer, so that he can

find a suitable place in which to pray without having to cut through the rows. And there is nothing wrong with this place being slightly to one side of the Imam, to the right or left.

For more details, please see the following answers:

Is it permissible for the Mu’adhdhin to be the Imam?

Responding to the Mu’adhdhin is better than reading Quran

Ruling on the Mu’adhdhin taking a few steps whilst reciting the Adhan

Is it permissible for the Mu’adhdhin to give the Adhan whilst seated?

And Allah knows best.