2511 - Can Muslims living in Western countries form committees to sight the moon?

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Is it permissible for Muslims who are living in a non-Islamic country to form a committee to confirm the sighting of the new moon for Ramadaan, Shawwaal, Dhoo'l-Hijjah or not?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The Muslims living in non-Islamic countries are permitted to form committees to take on the responsibility of confirming the new moon for Ramadaan, Shawwaal and Dhoo'l-Hijjah.