489254 - Should the mu’adhdhin pause between the phrases of the adhan so that the listeners can repeat what he says?

the question

Is it true that the mu’adhdhin should pause briefly after each phrase of the adhan so that the listeners can repeat after him?

Summary of answer

There is no specific text which says that the mu’adhdhin must pause briefly between the phrases of the adhan so that the listener can repeat what he says, but that may be understood from the recommendation to recite the adhan at a measured pace, and the recommendation to repeat after the mu’adhdhin.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Nothing has been narrated in the Sunnah about this particular issue to state that the mu’adhdhin should pause briefly between the phrases of the adhan so that the listeners can repeat after him.

But that may be understood – in general terms – from the recommended way of giving the adhan, because one of the Sunnahs of the adhan that are agreed upon is that the mu’adhdhin should pronounce the words at a measured pace when giving the adhan, and this measured pace is what distinguishes the adhan from the iqamah.

It says in *Al-Mawsu`at al-Fiqhiyyah al-Kuwaitiyyah* (6/8):

The jurists are agreed that the iqamah is to be recited at a normal pace and the adhan is to be recited at a measured pace. End quote.

Reciting at a measured pace means reciting in an unhurried manner, with deliberateness and without rushing, pausing at the end of each phrase to take a breath.

Ibn Qudamah (may Allah have mercy on him) said: Reciting at a measured pace means reciting in an unhurried manner, with deliberateness.

This is the etiquette of the adhan, and it is what is recommended.

End quote from *Al-Mughni*, 2/60.

Ibn ar-Rif`ah (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

Reciting at a measured pace in the adhan means pronouncing each word clearly, letter by letter, in an unhurried manner, elongating the sounds of each word.

End quote from *Kifayat an-Nabih fi Sharh at-Tanbih*, 2/414.

Undoubtedly pausing to take a breath will enable the listener to repeat after the mu'adhdhin.

It says in *Al-Mawsu`at al-Fiqhiyyah al-Kuwaitiyyah*, 2/366.

Reciting at a measured pace:

Reciting at a measured pace means reciting slowly with deliberateness, pausing between phrases. End quote.

If it is recommended for the listener to repeat after the mu'adhdhin, then it is essential for the mu'adhdhin to recite at a measured pace so that the listener can repeat after him every phrase that he says.

For more information, see the answer to question no. 111791.

And Allah knows best.