
Pregnant for first half of Ramadaan and breast-feeding for other half

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Question: A pregnant woman did not fast for the first half of Ramadaan acting on the allowance for that found in the hadeeth: "**Verily, Allaah has discarded the fast from the pregnant and breast-feeding woman.**" And she did this with the intention that there is no recompense (i.e. making up the missed days) due upon her but rather just fidyah (feeding poor or hungry people) according to the fatwaa of Ibn 'Abbaas, radiiallaahu 'anhumaa,. But then she (gave birth and) began her (postpartum) bleeding in the second half of the month of Ramadaan, and she was forbidden from fasting during the length of her bleeding. So is she obligated to make up for the days she missed fasting due to the bleeding? And what if she considers herself as a breast-feeding woman during the period of her bleeding. Does her having to make up for missed days (Qadaa) become removed from her, based on the previous hadeeth?

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: If it is agreed that she became a breast-feeding woman with her (postpartum) bleeding, then the answer is the same as when she discarded the fast when she was pregnant. There is no Qadaa (recompense - making up missed days) due upon her, but rather just fidyah (feeding people).

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him