

Raising the hands and wiping the face in Qunoot

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Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ says in his commentary:

“And raising the two hands in the (supplication of) *Qunoot* for a *naajilah*^{2 3} has been established from the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)⁴ in his supplication against the *Mushrikeen* (polytheists) who killed the seventy recitors (of the Qur’aan). Imaam Ahmad narrated it (3/137) and at-Tabaraanee in ‘As-Sagheer’ (p. 111) from the hadeeth of Anas (رضي الله عنه)⁵ with an authentic chain of narration. And it (i.e., raising the two hands) has also been established from ‘Umar (رضي الله عنه) and others⁶ in the *Qunoot* for the *Witr*.

And as for wiping them on the face in the *Qunoot*, then this has not been mentioned at all – not from (the Prophet) (صلى الله عليه وسلم), nor from any of his Companions (رضي الله عنهم)⁷ – so it is an **innovation** no doubt.”

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¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Naajilah: A calamity that befalls the Muslims

³ Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) explains: “What is meant by a *naajilah* is a calamity that suddenly comes upon the Muslims, like an enemy attacking them, so here they supplicate with the *Qunoot*. What is meant by a *naajilah* is a calamity that is new. As for something that has become usual, continuous, and something that has become a part of their lives, such as the Jewish occupation of Palestine, here the meaning of a *naajilah* has gone away and thus the *qunoot* is not made;” refer to *silsilat ul-hudaa wa nnoor* tape no. 132/3, 229/14, 704/3

⁴ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

⁵ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

⁶ Such as ‘Abdullaah bin Mas’ood (رضي الله عنه); refer to *silsilat ul-hudaa wa nnoor* tape no. 395/5

⁷ (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu `anhum) May Allaah be pleased with them

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