

Viral Lockdown 2020: An Islamic Perspective on the COVID-19 Pandemic of 1441/2020

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on March 11, 2020 / Rajab 16, 1441 declared a global pandemic caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (from the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)), resulting in a third of the world's global population being placed under lockdown (largely restricted to remain in their homes) in the first quarter of 2020 – a globally-unprecedented event.

For Muslims, this has meant the closing of the Holy Mosques of Makkah and Madinah to public access from March 20, 2020, the closure of mosques globally for the five daily prayers and the Friday congregational prayers, the inability to meet friends or family outside their home or to attend the funerals of Muslims outside their immediate family members. Globally, it has meant the imposition of curfews and the closure of workplaces, schools and educational establishments, airports, flights, public transport, and the resulting impact on lives and livelihoods, with many governments providing financial stimulus packages as a result, including direct cash transfers or interest-based loans.

The most likely case for the reason for the Viral Lockdown 2020 is that COVID-19 is a pandemic/ plague (tawun), which is a jab from amongst humanity's enemies from among the jinn, as Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said it was, and the global unprecedented nature of it, has been as a result of mass jinn hostility. This mass jinn hostility would most likely have been the result of evil human action, opening a portal for the jinn, to allow this outbreak to spread globally, and fast. The evil human action which allowed this to happen is likely the bio-engineering of the constituent parts of COVID-19 for human transmission, then its injection into an animal before natural human transfer.

This has, therefore, meant that, unlike general pandemics and plagues, COVID-19 is an unprecedented exception that has been able to enter Madinah, in which a tawun (plague) cannot enter, but a waba (pestilence) can. Confirmation of this is that the British Government, as from 19 March 2020 onwards, no longer considered COVID-19 to be a high consequence infectious disease (HCID) in the UK. This is because its mortality rate is low, and a high-mortality plague like the Black Death has never entered Madinah. More so, the pandemic of COVID-19 is also as a way of facilitating further an evil agenda to subjugate the world's population in the biological, technological, financial, economic, political, social and religious spheres.

With the advent of Ramadan 1441 on 24 April, 2020, mass jinn hostility would naturally have diminished as Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, that significant numbers of the shayateen (demons) from the jinn are chained up for the sacred month. It has meant the global Muslim population is able to do their five daily prayers, fasting, remembrance of Allah, Taraweeh (Ramadan Sunnah) prayers, Tahajjud (night vigil) prayers, all in their homes, making the whole of the month of Ramadan an itikaf (religious seclusion) for the Muslims, as opposed to its last ten days, and also expanding the area of the Earth where prostration to Allah has been done as a result, giving a greater meaning to the hadith of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that the whole Earth has been made a mosque for the believers.

While the pandemic will come to an end, by Allah's Grace, it stands as both a warning and blessing for Muslims to return to Allah and His Worship Alone, to emulate His Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and earn their place as the Vice-Regents of Allah on Earth.