

# Ramadan in Saudi Arabia begins on Thursday

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**Online Desk:** The crescent moon was not sighted on Tuesday evening in Saudi Arabia and Thursday, March 23, will be the start of the holy month of Ramadan, the Kingdom's Supreme Court has said, reports Arab News.

The kingdom's supreme court ruled on Tuesday evening that the Islamic calendar month of Shaban, which precedes Ramadan, will end on Wednesday, meaning Ramadan will begin the following day, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

Authorities earlier on Tuesday called on residents to try to spot the crescent moon that marks the start of Ramadan, but it was not visible, state media said. The official Crescent Sighting Committee in neighbouring Qatar also announced that Thursday "is the first day of the blessed month of Ramadan", the official Qatar News Agency said on Twitter. Sighting a crescent moon heralds the start of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar.