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[Sharh Riyaadh al-Saaliheen, 3/394.]

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup> said in his commentary on the hadeeth **"Do not anticipate** Ramadhaan by fasting one or two days before it begins...":

The scholars (رحمهم الله تعالى)<sup>2</sup> differed concerning this prohibition and whether it meant that this is haraam or makrooh. The correct view is that it means it is haraam, especially on the day of doubt.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  (رحمهم الله تعالى) May Allaah the Most High shower his Mercy upon them

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