
The fast of the driver

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

Question: Is the ruling of travel applied to the drivers of cars and buses since their work is continuous outside of the cities in the daytime in Ramadhaan?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Yes, the ruling of the traveller is applied to them. So they can shorten their prayers, combine, and break their fast. If someone were to say: When can they fast, since their work is continuous?

We say: He fasts during the winter days; because they are short and cold.

As for the drivers within the city, then they do not have the ruling of the traveller and it is obligatory upon them to fast.

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