

## Ashura is not an Eid

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We do not take the Day of Ashura as a day of happiness and 'spend on the children' during that day as they say. We do not call this day an Eid. It is not an Eid, the Muslims only have two holidays, Eid al-Fitr and Eid al Adha. Therefore the Muslims do not take this day as a day of happiness, joy, or any other innovation practiced by the ignorant people.

Nor do we take Ashura as a day of sadness, crying, wailing, beating the cheeks, clawing the face or whipping the body with chains as the Shia do in order to mourn the killing of Husayn may Allah be pleased with him. Husayn ibn Ali may Allah be pleased with him was unjustly killed on the Day of Ashura. His murder was a calamity upon the Muslims and they deal with this calamity with patience and seeking a reward for their patience. They do not confront this calamity with grief, rage and mourning as the Shia do. This is from their misguidance and fallacies. May Allah suffice the Muslims of their evil.

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