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31- Completion of thirty days of Jumada II and Rajab does not mark the incompleteness of Sha'ban

Q: If Jumada II and Rajab were full 30-day months and the new moon could not be sighted on the 29th of Sha'ban, should we act upon the most likely case which is the incompleteness of the third month i.e., Sha'ban will be 29 days in length? 

A: It is not permissible to start observing Sawm (Fasting) except after ascertaining the beginning of the new month, either by completing thirty days of Sha'ban or by sighting the new moon. No consideration should be given to whether the sky is cloudy or to whether some months are complete or incomplete, because the reliance is on sighting the new moon or completing thirty days of Sha'ban.

Source: Fatwas of Ibn Baz