Fatwa no. 13168

Q: I was pregnant during the blessed month of Ramadan. I had a vaginal bleeding on Ramadan 20th, but I neither ate nor drank, i.e., I kept fasting. During my stay in the hospital I broke my Sawm (Fast) for four days. After Ramadan I made up for the days of Sawm I missed. Should I make up for them again, bearing in mind that I have not given birth yet? Please advise me, may Allah reward you.

A: Your observing Sawm while having vaginal bleeding during pregnancy has no effect on the validity of your Sawm, just like the case of Istihadah (abnormal vaginal bleeding outside the menstrual or post-partum period). Therefore, your Sawm is valid. Moreover, your making up for the four days you missed during your stay in hospital after Ramadan discharges the obligation, and you do not have to fast them again.

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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