

*In the name of Allah the most Merciful the most  
Compassionate*

*Blessings and Darood be upon our most beloved prophet  
and messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustwafa (s.a.w)*

*Covering the head in Swalaat  
( Proof From Hadith Alone )*

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*To our Nabi and Rasoul Muhammad (s.a.w)*

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In this present world where fitna is present and deeply rooted in this Islamic society, there are many fields where proofs need to be presented and learned in order to consolidate our *Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama'ah 'Aqeedah*.

This little work is meant for anyone desiring proof of using a turban or cap to cover the head while performing swalaat. It must be noted that in order to avoid loads of literature, I have limited the number of Hadith.

## **Hadith No.1**

### **Sunan Abi Dawud » Prayer (Kitab Al-Salat) » Hadith**

Chapter: A Person Prays While Leaning On A Stick

باب الرَّجُلِ يَعْتَمِدُ فِي الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى عَصَا

**Hazrat Umm Qays bint Mihsan (ra):**

Hilal ibn Yasaf said: I came to ar-Raqqah (a place in Syria). One of my companions said to me: Do you want to see any of the Companions of the Prophet (s.a.w)? I said: A good opportunity. So we went to Wabisah.

I said to my friend: Let us first see his mode of living. He had a cap with two ears stuck (to his head), and wearing a brown silken robe. He was resting on a staff during prayer. We asked him (about resting on the staff) after salutation; He said: Umm Qays daughter of Mihsan said to me that when the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) became aged and the flesh grew increasingly on him, he took a prop at his place of prayer and rested on it.

حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ السَّلَامِ بْنُ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ الْوَابِصِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبِي، عَنْ شَيْبَانَ، عَنْ حُصَيْنِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ، عَنْ هِلَالِ بْنِ يَسَافٍ، قَالَ قَدِمْتُ الرَّقَّةَ فَقَالَ لِي بَعْضُ أَصْحَابِي هَلْ لَكَ فِي رَجُلٍ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ قُلْتُ غَنِيمَةٌ فَدَفَعْنَا إِلَى وَابِصَةَ قُلْتُ لِصَاحِبِي نَبْدًا فَتَنْظُرُ إِلَى دَلَّةٍ فَإِذَا عَلَيْهِ قَلَنْسُوءَةٌ لِأَطْنَةِ ذَاتِ أُذُنَيْنِ وَبُرْنُسُ خَزٍّ أَغْبَرُ وَإِذَا هُوَ مُعْتَمِدٌ عَلَى عَصَا فِي صَلَاتِهِ فَقُلْنَا بَعْدَ أَنْ سَلَّمْنَا . فَقَالَ حَدَّثَنِي أُمُّ قَيْسِ بِنْتُ مِحْصَنِ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَمَّا أَسَنَّ وَحَمَلَ اللَّحْمَ اتَّخَذَ عَمُودًا فِي مُصَلَاةٍ يَعْتَمِدُ عَلَيْهَا .

**Reference** : Sunan Abi Dawud 948

In-book reference : Book 2, Hadith 559

It is clearly mentioned in this hadith that the sahaba had a cap mentioned in arabic by “ قَلَنْسُوءَةٌ ” Qalansouwah and he was in swalaat as mentioned “ وَإِذَا هُوَ مُعْتَمِدٌ عَلَى عَصَا فِي صَلَاتِهِ ” He was resting on a staff during prayer. And amazingly Albani (Gurou of Wahabi salafi Tawheed) graded it as Swahih.

## Hadith No. 2

### Sahih al-Bukhari » Ablutions (Wudu') » Hadith

Chapter: To pass wet hands over Khuffain [two leather socks covering the ankles]

باب الْمَسْحِ عَلَى الْخُفَّيْنِ

**Hazrat Ja`far bin `Amr (ra):**

My father said, "I saw the Prophet (s.a.w) passing wet hands over his turban and Khuffs (socks made from thick fabric or leather).

حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدَانُ، قَالَ أَخْبَرَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ، قَالَ أَخْبَرَنَا الْأَوْزَاعِيُّ، عَنْ يَحْيَى، عَنْ أَبِي سَلَمَةَ، عَنْ جَعْفَرِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، قَالَ رَأَيْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَمْسَحُ عَلَى عِمَامَتِهِ وَخُفَّيْهِ. وَتَابَعَهُ مَعْمَرٌ عَنْ يَحْيَى عَنْ أَبِي سَلَمَةَ عَنْ عَمْرٍو قَالَ رَأَيْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

**Reference** : Sahih al-Bukhari 205

In-book reference : Book 4, Hadith 71

USC-MSA web (English) : Vol. 1, Book 4, Hadith reference 204

The word “ عِمَامَتِهِ ” his 'imaamah ” has been used here.

If the prophet (s.a.w) performed Wudhu and did not remove his turban then would he remove it during swalaat ??? Is the idea of

removing the 'imaamah for swalaat after having it on the head for ablution conceivable ??? NO. During swalaat the 'imaamah was on the head of the prophet (s.a.w)

### Hadith No. 3

### Sahih Muslim » The Book of Purification » Hadith

Chapter: Wiping (over) The Forelock And Turban

باب الْمَسْحِ عَلَى النَّاصِيَةِ وَالْعِمَامَةِ

**Hazrat Ibn Mughira (ra) narrated it from his father:**

The Apostle of Allah (s.a.w) wiped over his socks and over his forehead and over his turban.

حَدَّثَنَا أُمَيَّةُ بْنُ بَسْطَامٍ، وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْأَعْلَى، قَالَا حَدَّثَنَا الْمُعْتَمِرُ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي بَكْرُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، عَنْ ابْنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَسَحَ عَلَى الْخُفَّيْنِ وَمُقَدِّمِ رَأْسِهِ وَعَلَى عِمَامَتِهِ .

**Reference** : Sahih Muslim 274i

**In-book reference** : Book 2, Hadith 101

**USC-MSA web (English) reference**

This hadith is under the chapter of purification for swalaat for Masah and socks. The word “ ’amamah ” has been used here.

If the prophet (s.a.w) performed Wudhu and did not remove his turban (‘imaamah) then would he remove it during swalaat ???

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## **Hadith No. 4**

### **Sunan Ibn Majah » The Book of Purification and its Sunnah - » Hadith**

كتاب الطهارة وسننها

**Hazrat Bilal (ra):**

The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) wiped over his leather socks and his head cover.

حَدَّثَنَا هِشَامُ بْنُ عَمَّارٍ، حَدَّثَنَا عَيْسَى بْنُ يُونُسَ، عَنِ الْأَعْمَشِ، عَنِ الْحَكَمِ، عَنْ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ أَبِي لَيْلَى، عَنْ كَعْبِ بْنِ عُجْرَةَ، عَنْ بِلَالٍ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - مَسَحَ عَلَى الْخُفَّيْنِ وَالْخِمَارِ .

English reference : Ibn Majah Vol. 1, Book 1, Hadith 561

Arabic reference : Ibn Majah Book 1, Hadith 604

This hadith is under the chapter of purification for swalaat and as part of sunnah of the prophet (s.a.w). The word “ الْخِمَارِ ”

“Khimar” has been used here to denote anything covering the head. It can be a cap or a turban.

If the prophet (s.a.w) performed Wudhu and did not remove his turban or cap then would he remove it during swalaat ???

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## Hadith No. 5

### Sunan Ibn Majah » The Book of Purification and its Sunnah - » Hadith

كتاب الطهارة وسننها

It was narrated that Hazrat Abu Muslim (ra) , the freed slave of Hazrat Zaid bin Suhan (ra) , said:

"I was with Salman, and he saw a man removing his leather socks for ablution. Salman said to him" 'Wipe over your leather socks and your head cover, and your forehead, for I saw the Messenger of Allah wiping over his leather socks and head cover.'"

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو بَكْرِ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا يُونُسُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، عَنْ دَاوُدَ بْنِ أَبِي الْفَرَاتِ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ زَيْدٍ، عَنْ أَبِي شَرِيحٍ، عَنْ أَبِي مُسْلِمٍ، مَوْلَى زَيْدِ بْنِ صُوحَانَ قَالَ كُنْتُ مَعَ سَلْمَانَ فَرَأَى رَجُلًا يَنْزِعُ خُفَّيْهِ لِلْوُضُوءِ فَقَالَ لَهُ سَلْمَانُ امْسَحْ عَلَى خُفَّيْكَ وَعَلَى خِمَارِكَ وَبِنَاصِيَّتِكَ فَإِنِّي رَأَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - يَمْسَحُ عَلَى الْخُفَّيْنِ وَالْخِمَارِ .

English reference : Vol. 1, Book 1, Hadith 563

Arabic reference : Book 1, Hadith 606

Again here there is the mentioning of performing ablution (Wudhu) with the cap or turban still on the head and as indicated the prophet (s.a.w) did it.

### **Hadith No. 6**

#### **Sunan Ibn Majah » Establishing the Prayer and the Sunnah Regarding Them - » Hadith**

كتاب إقامة الصلاة والسنة فيها

It was narrated from Hazrat Ja'far bin 'Amr bin Huraith (ra) that his father (ra) said:

“I saw the Prophet (s.a.w) delivering the sermon on the pulpit, wearing a black turban.”

حَدَّثَنَا هِشَامُ بْنُ عَمَّارٍ، حَدَّثَنَا سُفْيَانُ بْنُ عُيَيْنَةَ، عَنْ مُسَاوِرِ الْوَرَّاقِ، عَنْ جَعْفَرِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو بْنِ حُرَيْثٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، قَالَ رَأَيْتُ النَّبِيَّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - يَخْطُبُ عَلَى الْمِنْبَرِ وَعَلَيْهِ عِمَامَةٌ سَوْدَاءُ .



English reference : Ibn Majah, Vol. 1, Book 5, Hadith 1104

Arabic reference : Book 5, Hadith 1158

Look attentively AND think logically... it is in the chapter of establishing swalaat and the sunnah in them. If during a Khutbah on the pulpit (mimbar) the prophet (s.a.w) had a turban on his head ... do you think that he would remove it for swalaat ???

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## **Hadith No. 7**

### **Sunan Ibn Majah » The Book of the Sunnah - » Hadith**

كتاب المقدمة

**Hazrat Ka'b bin 'Ujrah (ra) said:**

"The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) mentioned a Fitnah (tribulation) that had drawn nigh. Then a man passed by with his head covered. The Messenger of Allah said: 'On that day, this man will be following right guidance.' I leapt up and took hold of 'Uthman's arms, then I turned to face the Messenger of Allah and said: 'This man?' He said: 'This man.'"

حَدَّثَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ إِدْرِيسَ، عَنْ هِشَامِ بْنِ حَسَّانَ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ سِيرِينَ، عَنْ كَعْبِ بْنِ عُجْرَةَ، قَالَ ذَكَرَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - فِتْنَةً فَقَرَّبَهَا

فَمَرَّ رَجُلٌ مُقَنَّعٌ رَأْسُهُ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - " هَذَا يَوْمَانِ عَلَى الْهُدَى " . فَوَثَبْتُ فَأَخَذْتُ بِضَبْعِي عُثْمَانَ ثُمَّ اسْتَقْبَلْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - فَقُلْتُ هَذَا قَالَ " هَذَا " .

English reference : Vol. 1, Book 1, Hadith 111

Arabic reference : Book 1, Hadith 116

By covering the head ... it is already in itself a good thing and a sunnah. And as indicated it is also the sunnah of Hazrat ‘Uthman (ra). By this hadith it is also clear that wearing a cap or a turban is not a fitna. Why? The prophet said that a fitna has drawn nigh (near) and at the same time he said that ‘Uthman who had his head covered was on the right guidance. This means that wearing cap or turban is a blessing and the right code of conduct.

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## **Hadith No. 8**

### **Sunan Ibn Majah » The Book of Purification and its Sunnah - » Hadith**

كتاب الطهارة وسننها

**Hazrat Anas bin Malik (ra) said:**

"I saw the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) performing ablution, wearing a Qatari turban. He put his hand beneath the turban and

wiped the front part of his head, and he did not take the turban off."

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو طَاهِرٍ، أَحْمَدُ بْنُ عَمْرٍو بْنِ السَّرْحِ حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ وَهْبٍ، حَدَّثَنَا مُعَاوِيَةُ بْنُ صَالِحٍ، عَنْ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ بْنِ مُسْلِمٍ، عَنْ أَبِي مَعْقِلٍ، عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ رَأَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - تَوَضَّأَ وَعَلَيْهِ عِمَامَةٌ قِطْرِيَّةٌ فَأَدْخَلَ يَدَهُ مِنْ تَحْتِ الْعِمَامَةِ فَمَسَحَ مُقَدَّمَ رَأْسِهِ وَلَمْ يَنْفُضِ الْعِمَامَةَ .

English reference : Vol. 1, Book 1, Hadith 564

Arabic reference : Book 1, Hadith 607

If the prophet (s.a.w) performed Wudhu and did not remove his turban then would he remove it during swalaat ??? And it is clearly indicated that he did not remove the turban ‘ وَلَمْ يَنْفُضِ الْعِمَامَةَ ‘ It must be wisely analysed and noticed that this was narrated in the chapter for purification. And logically it is purification for what? Answer is swalaat.

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## **Hadith No. 9**

### **Sunan an-Nasa'i » The Book of Purification - » Hadith**

كتاب الطهارة

**Hazrat Bilal (ra) said:**

"I saw the Prophet (s.a.w) wiping over the Khuff and the Khimar."

أَخْبَرَنَا الْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ مَنْصُورٍ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو مُعَاوِيَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا الْأَعْمَشُ، ح وَأَنْبَأَنَا الْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ مَنْصُورٍ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ نُمَيْرٍ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا الْأَعْمَشُ، عَنِ الْحَكَمِ، عَنْ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ أَبِي لَيْلَى، عَنْ كَعْبِ بْنِ عُجْرَةَ، عَنْ بِلَالٍ، قَالَ رَأَيْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَمْسَحُ عَلَى الْخُفَّيْنِ وَالْخِمَارِ .

Arabic/English book : Sunan An Nasa'I Vol. 1,  
reference Book 1, Hadith 104

Again the word 'khimar' is used to denote covering the head and it is in the book of purification.

## Hadith No. 10

### Sunan Abi Dawud » Clothing (Kitab Al-Libas) » Hadith Chapter: Regarding Turbans

باب فِي الْعَمَائِمِ

**Hazrat Ali ibn Rukanah (ra) said:**

Ali quoting his father said: Rukanah wrestled with the Prophet (s.a.w) and the Prophet (s.a.w) threw him on the ground. Rukanah said: I heard the Prophet (s.a.w) say: The difference between us and the polytheists is that we wear turbans over caps.

حَدَّثَنَا قُتَيْبَةُ بْنُ سَعِيدٍ الثَّقَفِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ رَبِيعَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو الْحَسَنِ الْعَسْقَلَانِيُّ، عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ رُكَانَةَ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، أَنَّ رُكَانَةَ، صَارَعَ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ

عليه وسلم فَصَرَعَهُ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ رُكَّانَهُ وَسَمِعْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " فَرَّقُ مَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ الْعَمَائِمُ عَلَى الْقَلَانِسِ " .

**Reference** : Sunan Abi Dawud 4078

In-book reference : Book 34, Hadith 59

English translation : Book 33, Hadith 4067

In order to make a difference between muslims and the hypocrites, the prophet asked his ashab (companions) to wear ‘amamah. Is this difficult to understand? Here the word ‘ الْعَمَائِمُ ‘ ‘ al ‘amaaimou’ is used and it is the plural of ‘ الْعِمَامَةُ ‘ ‘imaamah’ meaning turban.

## Hadith No. 11

### Sunan Abi Dawud » Purification (Kitab Al-Taharah) » Hadith

كتاب الطهارة

Chapter: Wiping Over the 'Imamah (Turban)  
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باب الْمَسْحِ عَلَى الْعِمَامَةِ

## Hazrat Anas ibn Malik (ra) said:

I saw the Messenger (s.a.w) perform ablution. He had a Qutri turban. He inserted his hand beneath the turban and wiped over the forelock, and did not untie the turban.

حَدَّثَنَا أَحْمَدُ بْنُ صَالِحٍ، حَدَّثَنَا ابْنُ وَهْبٍ، حَدَّثَنِي مُعَاوِيَةُ بْنُ صَالِحٍ، عَنْ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ بْنِ مُسْلِمٍ، عَنْ أَبِي مَعْقِلٍ، عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ رَأَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَتَوَضَّأُ وَعَلَيْهِ عِمَامَةٌ قَطْرِيَّةٌ فَأَدْخَلَ يَدَهُ مِنْ تَحْتِ الْعِمَامَةِ فَمَسَحَ مُقَدَّمَ رَأْسِهِ وَلَمْ يَنْقُضِ الْعِمَامَةَ .

**Reference** : Sunan Abi Dawud 147

**In-book reference** : Book 1, Hadith 147

If the prophet (s.a.w) performed Wudhu and did not remove his turban then would he remove it during swalaat ??? And it is mentioned here that he did not untie his turban. Would he then untie it during swalaat ? this logically means that he (s.a.w) had his turban during swalaat.

## Hadith No. 12

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Chapter: Wiping Over The Khuff

## باب الْمَسْحِ عَلَى الْخُفَّيْنِ

**Hazrat Al-Mughirah b. Shu'bah (s.a.w) said:**

The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) performed ablution and wiped his forelock and turban. Another version says : The Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) wiped his socks and his forelock and his turban. Bakr said: I heard it from Ibn al-Mughirah.

حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ، حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَىٰ يَعْغِي ابْنَ سَعِيدٍ، ح حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ، حَدَّثَنَا الْمُعْتَمِرُ، عَنِ النَّيْمِيِّ، حَدَّثَنَا بَكْرٌ، عَنِ الْحَسَنِ، عَنِ ابْنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ بْنِ شُعْبَةَ، عَنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ بْنِ شُعْبَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ تَوَضَّأَ وَمَسَحَ نَاصِيئَهُ . وَذَكَرَ فَوْقَ الْعِمَامَةِ - قَالَ عَنِ الْمُعْتَمِرِ - سَمِعْتُ أَبِي يُحَدِّثُ عَنْ بَكْرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَنِ الْحَسَنِ عَنِ ابْنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ بْنِ شُعْبَةَ عَنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ يَمْسَحُ عَلَى الْخُفَّيْنِ وَعَلَى نَاصِيئِهِ وَعَلَى عِمَامَتِهِ . قَالَ بَكْرٌ وَقَدْ سَمِعْتُهُ مِنْ ابْنِ الْمُغِيرَةِ .

**Reference** : Sunan Abi Dawud 150

**In-book reference** : Book 1, Hadith 150

Now it is up to you ... readers to derive your own conclusions.

Allah and His Rasoul Muhammad Mustwafa (s.a.w) know best.

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