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## Imaam forgets to read al-Faatihah and only remembers when in Rukoo'

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**Host:** The questioner says, 'The Imaam of a mosque forgets to recite al-Faatihah in a rak'ah, he only remembers whilst he is [actually] in rukoo', what should he do?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمِنَهُ الله) : He cancels the rukoo' and stands up and reads al-Faatihah and then carries on with the prayer, he cancels the rukoo', cuts it off and stands up straight away and recites al-Faatihah ... and if it is the first or second rak'ah he reads a Surah or part of one [after Faatihah] and then bows and continues the prayer.

Someone Else: [What about] the people praying behind him, O Shaykh of ours?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): They do as he does.

Questioner: They follow him?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): "The Imaam is [appointed] to be followed ..."2 3



<sup>1 (</sup>رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bukhaaree and others

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 190.