

Hajj Webinar - 1437

Women's Issues



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When is Hajj obligatory on a woman?

- When she has enough financial resources of her own (including jewels she can sell, her mahr, and her inheritance)
- If someone offers to finance the Hajj for her and it is not degrading for her to accept the offer
- she is physically healthy and is able to perform the rites

Bleeding/Spotting during Hajj

When a woman takes precautionary medicine to stop her menstrual cycle but sees some spotting or blood, if it is during her regular days she would treat it as Haidh and wait it out. If it ends in less than 3 days, or if the bleeding is not continuous, even internally, then it would be Istihadha.

Haidh during Hajj

Before or during Ihram for Umrae Tamattu

- She can do the niyyat but not enter the masjid of Miqat.
- should wait as long as possible and perform the Umra when she is clean.
- If time runs out and her group is departing for Arafah, she will change her niyyat to Hajje Ifraad. After completing Hajje Ifraad she will perform an Umrae Mufreda.

After Ihram for Umrae Tamattu

- Ihtiyate Mustahab to change niyyat to Hajje Ifraad. Perform Umrae Mufreda after completing Hajje Ifraad.
- Allowed to continue with Umra Tamattu. Just perform Sae and Taqseer. Tawaaf and Salaat can be done upon return from Mina.

After Tawaf

If she sees blood after the tawaf and does not know when it started she can take it as having started after the Tawaf.

She cannot say the namaz until after she completes her haidh. If she cannot wait, She can do the Sae'e and Taqseer and offer the prayers later as qadha.

In Arafat or Mina

She can still stay in Arafat and perform Mustahab Ibadah. She can go to Mina and perform all the rites there.

Tawaf of Hajj

She cannot perform the Tawaf of Hajj and its namaz, and the Tawfun Nisaa and its prayer until she is clean.

Appointing a Na'ib to perform the Tawaf and its namaz

This should only be done when she knows she will not be pak during her stay in Makkah. If her departure from Makkah will happen before she becomes pak then she will have to appoint someone to perform the tawaf and namaz on her behalf.

Hijab During Hajj

- It is obligatory for women to wear socks during Ihram.
- if contact between men and women becomes too uncomfortable while doing tawaf women should do tawaf outside maqame Ibrahim.
- Physical contact with na mahram and gazing at them is not allowed and even unintentional contact should be minimized whenever possible.

Miscellaneous

- It is not allowed for women to cover their face during Ihram, even with a fan or a towel etc.
- Women are allowed to wear jewellery that they wear ordinarily
- Women are permitted to stay in Muzdalifa for a short period and depart for Mina. They may perform the rami of the Jamaraat on the night of the 10th.
- It would be advisable to get together with women of other countries and communities to discuss issues regarding women.