

109292 - When do the pilgrims doing Hajj and 'Umrah exit their ihram?

the question

What is the point at which the pilgrim takes off the ihram garments? Is it after Hajj, tawaaf al-ifaadah, saa'i and cutting the hair -- if the intention is to do Hajj only (i.e., Ifraad) -- and has he then exited ihram completely, or does he not exit ihram until after the three days of Tashreeq and stoning the Jamarat?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Exiting ihram of Hajj, for both men and women, comes after stoning Jamrat al-'Aqabah and shaving the head or cutting the hair for men, but women have no option but cutting the hair. At that point it becomes permissible for each of them to do everything that was forbidden to them whilst in ihram, apart from intercourse. As for exiting ihram completely, that comes after finishing tawaaf al-ifaadah and saa'i, if the pilgrim still has to do saa'i. Then everything that was forbidden to them whilst in ihram becomes permissible for them, even intercourse.

With regard to exiting ihram of 'Umrah, for both men and women, it comes after finishing their tawaaf and saa'i, and shaving the head or cutting the hair for men, but women have no option but cutting the hair and not shaving. Then it becomes permissible for them to do everything that was forbidden to them whilst in ihram. The one who is doing Hajj and 'Umrah together (Qiraan) comes under the same ruling as the one who is doing Hajj only (Ifraad) with regard to exiting ihram.

And Allah is the source of strength; may Allah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family and Companions. End quote.

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