177182 - If someone appointed him to do Hajj on his behalf, which type of Hajj should he choose?

the question

We know that Hajj is one of the pillars of Islam, and there are those who die or fall sick before they are able to do this obligatory duty. Hence there is the custom of hiring someone else to do this obligatory duty on behalf of the one who has died or is sick. Which is the most appropriate type of Hajj in this case, is it qiraan or tamattu‘ or ifraad, and why?

Detailed answer

The basic principle is that the one who is appointed to do something on behalf of someone else is entrusted with that task, which dictates that he should carry out the task in the manner that is in the best interests of the one who appointed him, and that which is in the best interests of the one who appointed him in this case is that he should do tamattu‘ on his behalf, as this is what would be in his best interests if he was doing Hajj himself.

It was narrated that Anas ibn Maalik said: We set out declaring our intention to do Hajj, then when we came to Makkah, the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) instructed us to make it ‘umrah [to be followed by Hajj, i.e., tamattu‘]. He said: “If I had known before what I know now, I would have made it ‘umrah, but I have brought the sacrificial animal with me, so I will do Hajj and ‘umrah together (qiraan).”

Narrated by Ahmad (12044); the hadith is also narrated in *as-Saheehayn*.

So if the one who appointed him or hired him stipulated that he should do a particular type of Hajj, then he must adhere to what the one who appointed him stipulated.

See also the answer to question no. 1745 .

And Allah knows best.