

## 31821 - Should You Say Hajj or `Umrah Intention Out Loud?

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### the question

Given that speaking the intention (Niyyah) out loud is haram, what is the ruling on speaking the intention for Hajj and `Umrah out loud?

### Summary of answer

Speaking the intention for Hajj or `Umrah out loud is an innovation and doing so loudly is even more sinful. The Sunnah is to make one's intention in the heart because Allah knows that which is secret and what is even more hidden.

### Detailed answer

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### Saying the Intention Aloud is a Bid`ah

The place for the intention is the heart, and speaking it out loud is Bid`ah (innovation). It was not proven that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) or his companions spoke the intention for any act of worship out loud. [The Talbiyah in Hajj and `Umrah is not the intention](#) .

### Speaking the Intention: A Bid`ah Not Practiced by the Prophet

Shaykh Ibn Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

Speaking the intention is a Bid`ah and doing so loudly is even more sinful. Rather the Sunnah is to make one's intention in the heart, because Allah knows that which is secret and what is even more hidden. Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

{Say: Will you inform Allah of your religion while Allah knows all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth?} [Al-Hujurat 49:16]

It was not narrated from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) or the companions or any of the most prominent Imams that they spoke the intention out loud. From this we may understand that it is not prescribed, rather it is an innovation that has been introduced into the religion. And Allah is the Source of strength. (Fatawa Islamiyyah, 2/315)

Shaykh Ibn `Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

It was not narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) spoke the intention out loud, whether for prayer, Wudu, fasting or any other act of worship. Even in Hajj and `Umrah he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did not say, when he wanted to do Hajj and `Umrah, "O Allah, I intend to do so and so."

It is not narrated that he did that or that he told any of his companions to do that. The most that has been narrated concerning that is that Duba`ah bint Az-Zubayr (may Allah be pleased with her) asked him for advice, saying that she wanted to do Hajj but she was feeling unwell. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to her: "Do Hajj and put a condition saying, 'I will exit Ihram at the place where You cause me to fall ill,' because your condition is valid before Allah." In this case it is acceptable to speak out loud because resolving to do Hajj is like a vow, and a vow is spoken out loud, because if a person intends to make a vow in his heart, that is not a vow and is not counted as a vow. Because Hajj is like a vow and must be completed once started, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) commanded Duba`ah to say her condition out loud and say, "If something prevents me from completing my Hajj, then the place of my exiting ihram is the place where You cause me to be unable to proceed further."

With regard to what is proven in the Hadith, that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Jibril came to me and said, 'Pray in this blessed valley, and say, `Umrah fi Hijjah or `Umrah wa Hijjah [Umrah and Hajj],'" that does not mean that he was speaking the intention out loud, rather what it means is that he was mentioning the acts of worship in his

Talbiyah. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did not speak his intention out loud. (End quote from Fatawa Islamiyyah, 2/216)

For a more comprehensive explanation, please examine the following answers: ([70240](#), [227879](#), [13337](#), [20742](#), [70446](#), [95095](#))

And Allah knows best.