

37990 - Delaying zakat al-fitr

the question

I was travelling and I forgot to pay zakat al-fitr. I was travelling on the night of the 27th of Ramadan, and we did not pay zakat al-fitr until now.

Detailed answer

If a person delays zakat al-fitr although he remembers it, then he is a sinner and he has to repent to Allah and make it up, because it is an act of worship that remains due even when the time for it has passed, like prayer. But as this questioner states that she forgot to pay it on time, then there is no sin on her, but she still has to make it up. With regard to there being no sin on her, the general meaning of the evidence indicates that there is no sin on one who forgets, but she is still obliged to make it up for the reasons given above.

And Allah is the Source of strength.