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Detailed answer

Ibn Taymiyah (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

“There is no holy place (Haram) on earth, not Bayt al-Maqdis (Jerusalem) or anywhere else, apart from these two holy places (i.e., Makkah and Madeenah). No other place should be called Haram (sanctuary, holy place), as the ignorant speak of Haram al-Maqdis (Jerusalem) or Haram al-Khaleel (in Khaleel, Palestine), for these places and others are not Harams, according to the consensus of the Muslims... There is no dispute among the Muslims concerning any third holy place apart from Dujj, which is a valley in al-Taa’if...”

(Majmoo’ al-Fataawa, 26/118).

Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen confirmed that this (Dujj) is not a holy place.

(al-Sharh al-Mumti’, 7/248).