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the question

Can a woman be considered a mahram for a woman she is not related to for purposes of traveling or sitting with others?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

A woman cannot be a mahram for another. The one who is considered mahram is a man that a woman cannot marry due to blood relations, such as her father and her brother, or a man related to her due to marriage, such as her husband, her father-in-law and her step-son, or a man related due to breast feeding, such as her father from breast feeding and so forth.

It is not allowed for a man to be in private with a woman he is not related to nor can he travel with her. The Prophet

(peace be upon him) said, "A woman does not travel except with a mahram." This was recorded by al-Bukhari and Muslim. The Prophet (peace be upon him)

also said, "A man is never alone with a woman except that Satan is the third."

This was recorded by Imam Ahmad and others from the hadith of Umar with a sahih chain.