INTRODUCTION

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With the blessings of Almighty Allah, a task suited only to government or a big organisation has been undertaken by this Trust—"Verily, He bestows upon the best the honour of service unto Him".
Talbiah

Lab-bai-ka al-laa-hum ma lab-baik.
Lab-bai-ka laa sha-ree-ka la-ka lab-baik.
In-nal ham-de wan-ni`-mata la-ka wal-mulk.
Laa sha-ree-ka-lak.

TRANSLATION

Here I am. O God, here I am.
At Your service here I am!
You have no Partner;
Here I am at Your service.
Verily to You belong all Praise.
and Benevolence, and
the Sovereignty.
You have no partner!
There are two types of religious rites concerning pilgrimage to BAITULLAH, namely, the Hajj and 'Umrah. Hajj is performed from the 8th to the 12th of Zilhijjah (the 12th month of the Muslim Calendar) and not on any other days, while 'Umrah can be performed at any time and in any month excepting the five days of Hajj. The formalities and directives relating to Hajj and 'Umrah come into force with the pronouncement of Talbiah, the putting on of Ihram, offering two Rak'a of Ihram prayer, and then forming intent (Niyyah) for Hajj.

There are three kinds of Hajj according to one's Niyyat, namely:

1. Hajj only,
2. 'Umrah as well as Hajj with the same Ihram, and
3. 'Umrah and then taking off Ihram followed by Hajj with another Ihram.

One can make his choice out of the three, which are respectively known as Ihraam, Qiraam and Tamatto'. In the case of the first two, the pilgrim continues to wear Ihraam till the completion of Hajj. In the last case, he takes it off after performing 'Umrah and puts it on again on the first day of Hajj, that is the 8th Zilhijjah.

How to put on Ihraam:

One should first take a bath by means of a shower, or by pouring water on one's body from the vessel, and not in a bath tub. Only ablution is also sufficient provided bath is not due. Before taking bath, it is a a Sunnah to prune the nails, trim the moustache, remove hair from the under-arms and the public area, and to have a haircut according to one's normal practice or to comb the hair. Ihraam comprises two sheets of unsewn cloth, one is used as the
waist cloth and the other for covering the upper part of the body. It is Sunnah to offer two Raka'at prayer after putting on Ihraam but not at the time when it is prohibited to offer prayers. At the time of offering his prayer, the head should be covered with the upper sheet of cloth because Ihraam directives which require keeping the head un-covered, are not applicable at this stage. After offering the Ihraam prayer, one has to express his intention for Hajj of any of the three types. The obligations of Ihraam begin with the utterance of the words of Talbīyah. One should, therefore, uncover his head immediately before uttering Talbīyah.

Restrictions of Ihraam:

For Males:—To put on stitched or knitted garments made on the pattern of common dress, to cover the head or the face, to kiss and/or embrace or make love, or make any reference to love-making are forbidden for males. Other restrictions pertain to the use of perfume, cutting or removing of hair from any part of the body, pruning of nails, cutting of tree or pulling out a blade of grass, starting a quarrel and/or an argument, hunting or helping a hunter, destroying vermins from the body or clothes, or killing of locust.

For Females:—It is forbidden to cover the face, but in the presence of strangers a veil should be used which should not come into contact with the face. Females should remain in their usual (stitched) clothes and keep their head covered. They are permitted to wear ornaments, gloves, and socks. They can make Niyyah for Ihraam during the period of menstruation but to offer the two Raka'at prayer of Ihraam in such condition is haram (strictly forbidden) for them. All other restrictions except those specifically pertaining to males are equally applicable to females.

A woman cannot proceed for Hajj without her husband or a Mahram. If a woman has period during Hajj days, she should comply with the regulations of Hajj other than Tawaf of Holy Ka'bah. Tawaf-I-Izzaafa should be performed after attaining ritual purification.
If she has time for four Tawaaf of Holy Ka'bah before commencement of the period, she should perform such Tawaaf.

Menstruating women can make Niyyat for Ihraam but offering by them of two Raka'at of Ihraam prayer is prohibited.

On entering Mecca:—The first religious duty of one who enters Mecca from outside its precincts is to go to Masjid-ul-Haraam and perform Tawaaf, that is going round the Ka'bah. After Tawaaf, two Raka'at prayer pertaining to Tawaaf are Waajib. It is Sunnah to offer the two Raka'at near Maqaam-i-Ibrahim (the Station of Abraham).

After Tawaaf, it is commendable (mustahab) to proceed to Zamzam and to have a drink from it facing Ba'itullah, with invocations for fulfillment of one's virtuous purposes. After the drink from Zamzam, Sa'i is performed between Safa and Marwa, the two small hillocks near Masjid-ul-Haraam. The literal meaning of Sa'i is to run. In the terminology of Shariah, to make seven rounds between Safa and Marwa in the prescribed manner, is called Sa'i. It is done in emulation of the particular movements of Hazrat Hajirah, the mother of Hazrat Isma'il (alaihis salaam), in search of water. Sa'i is essential in the case of Hajj as well as 'Umrah.

The Five Days of Hajj:

The First Day.—The 8th Zilhijjah:—The pilgrims have to proceed to Mina in Ihraam before Zuhr prayer.

The Second Day.—The 9th of Zilhijjah:—On this day, pilgrims have to perform the most important and fundamental duty of Hajji, without which there can be no Hajj. After sunrise when there is sufficient sunshine, the pilgrims have to set out from Mina for 'Arafaat and stay there until sunset, engaged in prayer and devotion, combining Zuhr prayer with advanced 'Asr prayer under the Imam in the Mueque of Numairah; and deferred Maghrib prayer with 'Isha prayer.

The Third Day.—The 10th of Zilhijjah:—The pilgrims have to perform on this day several Walibaat and Fataarz of Hajj. That is
why they are exempt from offering 'Id-ul-Azha prayer. The first Waajib is the Waqoof (stay) in Muzdalifa, the duration of which is from the sunset of the preceding day up to a little before the rising of the sun. A short while before sunrise, a period of time just sufficient to offer two Raka'at of Fajr prayer and post-prayer supplication, one has to proceed to Mina from Muzdalifa. This is the second Waajib.

Rami at Jamrat-ul-'Aqqa is the third Waajib on the 10th Zilhijjah. It is Sunnah to perform it before midday. Pilgrims have to perform Rami by throwing seven pebbles, one at a time, at Jamrat-ul-'Aqqa only. Rami is observed in memory of the praiseworthy action of Prophet Abraham (Ibrahim alaihis salaam) when he took his son Hazrat Isma'il for offering him as sacrifice, and Satan tried to mislead him at three different places. Hazrat Ibrahim repulsed Satan by throwing pebbles at him every time.

Sacrifice of an animal is the fourth Waajib on the 10th of Zilhijjah. It is Waajib for a Qaarin or Mutamattee' that, after being free from Rami, not to have their heads shaved or to have a haircut until they first comply with the Waajib of offering an animal in sacrifice. Offering sacrifice is not Waajib for a Mutrid who puts on Ihraam for Hajj only. For him, it is only commendable (Mustahab). It is in order for him to have his head shaved, or to have a haircut, without offering an animal sacrifice.

Halq or Qasr is the fifth Waajib on the 10th Zilhijjah. After offering the sacrifice, it is Waajib to have one's head shaved or have at least one-fourth of it shaved, but it is not particularly necessary to do so on the 10th itself. It may be done at any time up to the 12th Zilhijjah. One continues under the restrictions of Ihraam for such length of time as one does not have his head shaved or have a haircut.

In case one has his head shaved or has a haircut on the 10th of Zilhijjah, he is relieved from Ihraam restrictions. It will be permissible for him to wear stitched clothes, to use perfume, and to prune his nails. All other normally permissible things become
lawful, but kissing and embracing or making love with one's wife do not become lawful during stay at Mina.

Tawaaf-i-Ziyarat is the most important duty on the 10th of Zilhijjah. Besides Ihraam, there are only two fundamental and Farz obligations of Hajj. The first is Waqoof-i-Arataat on the 9th and the second is Tawaaf-i-Ziyarat on the 10th of Zilhijjah. According to Sunnah, Tawaaf is to be performed after being free from Raml, sacrifice, and Hala, but the Farz stands discharged even if Tawaaf-i-Ziyarat is performed prior to all these. The most preferable time for Tawaaf-i-Ziyarat is the 10th of Zilhijjah, but it is permissible up to any time before the sunset on the 12th of Zilhijjah.

The Fourth Day—The 11th of Zilhijjah:—Out of the Waajibaat of Hajj, there now remain a few simple duties. One is to stay on at Mina for two or three days and to perform Raml after midday at all the three Jamaraat. It is Sunnah to stay during the nights in Mina, while according to some it is Waajib. It is forbidden to spend the nights outside Mina whether in Mecca or elsewhere.

The Fifth Day—The 12th of Zilhijjah:—In case of one's failure to offer sacrifice or perform Tawaaf-i-Ziyarat even on the 11th, one should comply with these two requirements on the 12th. Otherwise, the only duty for this day is to perform Raml at all the three Jamaraat in the afternoon just as on the 11th of Zilhijjah. If one does not leave Mina on the 12th before sunset, he is required to perform Raml at Jamaraat on the 13th also.

Tawaaf-i-Wada:—For those living outside the boundaries of Meeqaat, it is Waajib that at the time of their departure from Mecca, they perform Tawaaf-i-Wada.

Visit to the Sacred City of Medina:

Next to Hajj, the highest eminence and the greatest blessings consist in paying a visit to the most sacred Mausoleum of the last of the Holy Prophets, the beloved Messenger of Allah, Muhammad (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam). Maximum love and respect for the Messenger of Allah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) are essential for every
Muslim. One must, therefore, have a natural desire not to return from Hajj without paying a visit to the Holy Mausoleum. Furthermore, presence at the sacred Mausoleum and offering Salaat-o-Salaam in person to the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) bear so great a reward and blessings as cannot possibly be had by offering Salaat-o-Salaam from a distant place. At the time of leaving Medina, one should offer two Raka’at Nafl prayer in Masjid-e-Nabavi and then offer Salaam in front of the sacred Mausoleum and beseech Allah that He may render his return journey easy for him and take him to his family in peace and safety. Allah may guard him against all evils. Visit to Medina is proper, rather preferable, also before Hajj.

These questions have been dealt with in the light of Hanafite Fiqh. For further details one had better consult a Guide.

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