Question 549) - What will he do when the sun has risen on the Day of 'Arafah?

A: When the sun rises over Thabir, the mountain at Mina, he will head for 'Arafat and stay there until the sun sets. After Zawal the Imam will lead the people in Zhuhr and 'Asr. He will deliver two Khutbahs before Salah in which he will teach the people about the Salah, the Wuquf of 'Arafat, the Wuquf at al-Muzdalifah, the pelting of the Jimar, the slaughter, the shaving and Tawafiz Ziyarah. He will lead them in Zhuhr and 'Asr in the Waqt of Zhuhr, with one Azan and two Iqamah. This is joining of the two Salah in the earlier Waqt. The conditions for this are that the Imam of the Muslims or his representative lead the Salah, that they be in Ihram of Hajj and the Waqt be Zhuhr. This is according to Imaam Abu Hanifa RAH. The one praying on his own or behind any other Imam besides the Imam of Hajj will pray each Salah in its own Waqt. According to Imaarn Abu Yusuf RAH. the Satah will be joined even for one praying on his own.

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