Q: 14 – Title: On my way to umrah we stopped in egypt where i had intention to put my ihram on. On reaching egypt the airline had lost my luggage and i did not have an ihram to put on....Is my umrah complete or do i need do do something else for it to be valid

Question

On my way to umrah we stopped in egypt where i had intention to put my ihram on. On reaching egypt the airline had lost my luggage and i did not have an ihram to put on. Having no recourse to an alim i continued to makkah bought an ihram locally and proceded to the place i think masjid Aishah and started my umrah from there.

Is my umrah complete or do i need do do something else for it to be valid. Please adivise jazakallah khair.

Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatoh

Our Fuqaha have recorded the following principle: "Any person staying out of the Meeqat (area from which it is binding to done the Ihram), intending to enter Makkah or the Haram area for any reason, whether it be for Hajj, Umrah, trade etc, it is binding upon him to don the Ihram when crossing the Meeqat, in order to express honour and respect for the Holy lands of Makkah." Thus, a person staying out of the Meeqat area, who intends to enter Makkah, has to don an Ihram at the Meeqat. (Al-Mabsoot, vol2. pg. 152, Dar al-Fikr)

However, if a person crosses the Meeqat without donning an Ihram, he is required to return to the Meeqat and don the Ihram. If this is done, the Hajj or Umrah is complete and in order. But, if he crosses the Meeqat without an Ihram and thereafter dons the Ihram without going to the Meeqat, them his Hajj or Umrah is incomplete and he is required to "damm" ie sacrifice a goat or sheep. (Muallim al-Hujjaj, pg. 105 / Minhat al-Khaliq, vol.3 pg. 49, Makataba Rashidiya)

Therefore, when you crossed the Meeqat without an Ihram, you were required to return to the Meeqat to don your Ihram. However, you had gone to Masjid Aisha which is situated at a place called Taneem, which is not the Meeqat, rather it is the "Hill" (area within the Meeqat). Therefore, your Umrah is incomplete and you are required to give "damm" in order to complete your Umrah.

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