When a Person Passes Away before Reaching Makkah

Q: Hajj -26: Hajj was Fardh on a person and he was on his way to Makkah when he passed away. Will his obligation be discharged?

Answer: If the person left for Hajj during the year in which it became Fardh on him, the obligation will be discharged if he passes away en-route. It will not be necessary to make a bequest for Hajj Badal to be performed on his behalf. Such a bequest will, however, be necessary if he left for the Hajj journey a year or more after it became Fardh. In fact, he will be sinful for not making a bequest to the effect.

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