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Question

My wife and me are both working in two separate countries as the current situation warrants this for the time being. Since she can cover her own expenses I normally help her pay any leftover debts. And I have alhamdulillah managed to clear my own debts too now, but some of her debt still remains. I tend to give a fair portion of my earnings to help her.

Since I've cleared my own debts, I have begun to save a little without intending to. As it happens, I have enough money for me to go to Hajj this year. I work full time and I didn't plan for this situation, so it's very unlikely to get a holiday now. My plan was to go next year inshallah.

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Answer

In the name of All?h, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assal?mu ?alaykum wa Rahmatull?hi Wabarak?tuh

If you have surplus money that is sufficient for you to perform Haj, then Haj is compulsory upon you.

You should endeavour to perform Haj this year. If you are unable to do so, you should do so next year. Should you pass away before next year, you will have to make a wasiyat for Hajj e Badal on your behalf to be fulfilled from 1/3rd of your estate after burial expenses and debts.

And All?h Ta??la knows best

Wassal?mu ?alaykum

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