Q: 70 – Title: Can a mother and her daughter go for Umrah without the company of the father?

Question

Is it possible for me and my daughter to go for Umrah without the company of my husband?

Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-salamu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

Firstly, it is prohibited in Shari’ah for a woman to travel the distance of safar (which is 48 miles or 78 km) without a mehram.
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(Al-Fatawa al-Hindiyya)

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) said:
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“A woman cannot travel (a distance of) three days unless she has a mehram with her” (Sahih Muslim #3322)

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“It is prohibited for a woman who believes in Allah and the Last Day to travel a distance of three nights unless with a mehram” (Sahih Muslim #3324)

This also includes the cases of a woman who wants to perform Hajj and Umrah. In the case of performing Hajj, if a woman has the financial means to do so, it will be compulsory upon her. However, according to the Hanafi Madhab she will also require a mehram to accompany her. If

she does not have a mehram, then this is a valid excuse to delay the Hajj until she is able to go with a mehram. So in the case of Umrah, it will of course also be necessary for a mehram to accompany her, otherwise it will not be permissible to undertake this journey.
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(Raddul Muhtaar, 2/464, HM Saeed)

And Allah knows best.

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