

Q: 101 – Question : I am living and working in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for the past 4 years. This Ramzaan we went for Umrah and stayed in Makkah till Eid. On the second day of Eid, we travelled to Jeddah and stayed for one complete day. On our way back to Riyaadh, we lost our directions and entered the Hudood-e-Haram.

There are few questions regarding the above situation.

1. Is there any penalty on us for entering Hudood-e-Haram without Ehraam?
2. Although we didn't go to Masjid-al-Haram for Namaaz/Tawaaf, was it allowed to do so?

Answer

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

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

Answer to Question:

1. When you lost your directions on your way back to Riyaadh because of which you landed up in the area of the Haram, there is one of two possibilities:
 - a) While lost, you went beyond any of the Meeqaat boundaries (i.e. in the direction away from Makkah) and thereafter re-entered and passed the Meeqaat (i.e. in the direction towards Makkah), and finally entered the boundaries of the Haram. In this case, because you were lost and thus entered the area of the Haram unintentionally, there is no penalty due on you.[1]
 - b) While lost, you did not go beyond any of the Meeqaat boundaries, but remained within the Hill (i.e. that area between the Meeqaat and the area of the Haram), thereafter, you entered the area of the Haram unintentionally. In this case also, there is no penalty on you.[2]

Therefore, in any case you do not have to give any penalty for entering the Haram without Ihraam.

2. It is not compulsory for a person who is in Makkah to perform Salaah and Tawaaf in the Masjidul-Haraam. If you did not go to the Masjidul-Haraam for Salaah and Tawaaf, there is no sin on you and neither is there any penalty due on you.

And Allah Ta'ala Knows Best

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