



The first question of Fatwa no. 4949

Q 1: We live in Australia. This year, a large group of Muslims in Australia want to perform Hajj. We always depart from Sydney and land in either of the following three airports: Jeddah, Abu Dhabi, or Bahrain. We would like to know where our Miqat (site for entering the ritual state for Hajj and 'Umrah for Hajj and 'Umrah) should be? Should we assume Ihram (ritual state for Hajj and 'Umrah) from Sydney or is there another place to assume Ihram from? Please answer us, many thanks.

A: Neither Sydney, Abu Dhabi, nor Bahrain are to be considered a Miqat for Hajj or 'Umrah, nor even Jeddah can be a Miqat for you, as Jeddah is the Miqat for its inhabitants. You should assume Ihram if you pass by air over the first Miqat that you meet while heading for Makkah, for the Prophet (peace be upon him) said on setting the Miqats: [\(These Miqats are for the people of these very places and also for non-indigenous people who come through these places with the intention of performing Hajj and 'Umrah.\)](#) Therefore, you can ask the air host before passing by it, and if you intend on assuming Ihram for Hajj or 'Umrah, and pronounce Talbiyah (devotional expressions chanted at certain times during Hajj and 'Umrah) before passing by the Miqat lest you should pass it without assuming Ihram, there is nothing wrong in that. Whereas getting ready for Ihram by cleansing, washing or wearing the clothes of Ihram is permissible anywhere.

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