



The third question of Fatwa no. 1693

Q 3: If a person intends to perform Hajj or 'Umrah (lesser pilgrimage) and finds difficulty in assuming Ihram (ritual state for Hajj and 'Umrah) on the plane and does not know where the Miqat (site for entering the ritual state for Hajj and 'Umrah) is, can he delay assuming Ihram until he reaches Jeddah or not?

A: If a person intends to perform Hajj and 'Umrah and wants to assume Ihram while on board the plane, he can perform Ghusl (full ritual bath)

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at home and wears the Izar (garment worn below the waist) and Rida' (garment worn around the upper part of the body), if he would like to, and when only little remains before getting close to the Miqat he can assume Ihram for Hajj or 'Umrah; there is no difficulty in doing this. If he does not know where the Miqat is, he can ask the captain, the cabin crew, one of the air stewards, or a trustworthy passenger who is knowledgeable about that.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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