




134- It is a Sunnah for a pilgrim to assume Ihram on the eighth day of Dhul-Hijjah before noon

Q: Some pilgrims stay on the eighth day in Makkah without assuming Ihram (ritual state for Hajj and 'Umrah) and thus abandon acts of Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet) to be done on the Day of Tarwiyah (8th of Dhul-Hijjah). Thus, they remain in their houses until the ninth day on which they go to 'Arafah justifying doing so on the pretext that acts to be done on the Day of Tarwiyah are only supererogatory and that Hajj is 'Arafah. What is the opinion of Your Eminence on this act? 

A: It is unobjectionable to do so. However, the Sunnah is to assume Ihram on the eighth day of Dhul-Hijjah before noon and then head for Mina where one should offer Zhuhr (Noon), 'Asr (Afternoon), Maghrib (Sunset), 'Isha' (Night) and Fajr (Dawn) Prayers, shortening but not combining them.

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One should then head for 'Arafah after sunrise as the Prophet (peace be upon him) did so and ordered his Sahabah (Companions) who ended their state of Ihram for 'Umrah (lesser pilgrimage) to do so.

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