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205- Ruling on not spending the night in Mina for two or three days

Q: What is the ruling on a person who does not spend the night in Mina on the 10th, 11th, 12th or 11th and 12th for those who hasten to leave; should they offer a sacrifice for every day they missed in Mina or does he have to offer only one sacrifice for the whole three days in which he missed in Mina. Could you explain and mention the proof?



A: Whoever does not spend the night in Mina during the Days of Tashriq (11th, 12th and 13th of Dhul-Hijjah) without excuse, has abandoned a rite which the Prophet (peace be upon him) prescribed by sayings and actions; which is additionally supported by the concessions which he (peace be upon him) gave to the people having excuses such as shepherds and people providing water to pilgrims. Rukhsah (concession) can only be granted in connection with matters where there is Azimah (obligation); therefore, spending the night in Mina during the days of Tashriq is considered one of the obligations of Hajj according to the more correct of the two opinions of the scholars. Whoever abandons it without a Shar'y (Islamic legal) excuse, has to offer Dam (atonement required of a pilgrim for a willful violation of a prohibition or obligation while in the ritual state for Hajj and 'Umrah) because it was reported that Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them both) said: *«Anyone who misses or forgets to perform any ritual (during Hajj), should slaughter a sacrificial animal.»* It is sufficient to offer one sacrifice for not staying overnight in Mina during the days of Tashriq. May Allah grant us success!

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