




Q: A woman began menstruating while performing the rites of Hajj on the day of stoning the largest Jamarah (Jamrat-ul-'Aqabah: the closest stone pillar to Makkah). What is the ruling on her performing Tawaf-ul-Ifadah (final obligatory circumambulation around the Ka'bah in Hajj) and Tawaf-ul-Wada' (circumambulation around the Ka'bah on leaving Makkah)?

A: After stoning Jamrat-ul-'Aqabah and trimming her hair, everything is permissible for her except having conjugal relations with her husband. However, she is still obliged to perform Tawaf around the Ka'bah (Tawaf-ul-Ifadah) that can only be performed in a state of Taharah (ritual purity). Accordingly, if Allah wills that she becomes pure before leaving Makkah, then she can perform Tawaf-ul-Ifadah. If this is beyond her ability, and she must leave for her country, she may return again then perform it. However, her husband must not approach her until she performs Tawaf-ul-Ifadah. On the other hand, if she performed Tawaf-ul-Ifadah and then menstruated before performing Tawaf-ul-Wada', then she is exempted from performing it, because Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them both) stated: *(The people were commanded that the last thing they should do is to circumambulate the House (the Ka'bah), but an exception was made for menstruating women.)* 

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