



The first question of Fatwa no. 12712

Q 1: What is the ruling on what some Muslims do nowadays when performing the obligatory act of Hajj at Makkah Al-Mukarramah. Before they leave their homes for Hajj, they slaughter goats etc., and prepare food. They also celebrate lavishly their return from Hajj, especially on the first Jumu'ah (Friday) Prayer after returning from Hajj.

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At these celebrations, drums are beaten and people dance, and there is free intermixing of men and women. Does this conform with Shari'ah (Islamic law)? Please enlighten us with your written answer so that we can distribute it among Muslims. May Allah provide you with all support to protect Islam everywhere.

A: All that is mentioned in the question regarding celebrating the occasions of traveling to or returning from Hajj in a way that involves drums, pipes, singing, or free intermixing of men and women is Haram (prohibited), as it involves many evils and Munkar (acts which are unacceptable or disapproved of by Islamic law and Muslims of sound intellect).

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

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