



The seventh question of Fatwa no. 10768

Q 7: Are pilgrims whether men or women required to visit the grave of the Prophet (peace be upon him), Al-Baqi` (the graveyard of Madinah, near the Prophet's Mosque), Uhud (mountain site of the Battle of Uhud [3 A.H./ 625 A.D.] the second battle between Muslims and the disbelievers of Makkah), and Quba' (a town near Madinah where the Prophet established the first mosque)? Or is that for men only?

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A: Pilgrims whether men or women are not required to visit the grave of the Prophet (peace be upon him) or Al-Baqi`. One should not undertake a journey to visit graves. Moreover, it is forbidden for women to visit graves even without undertaking journeys. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: **«Do not undertake a journey except to three mosques: Al-Masjid Al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque in Makkah), this Masjid of mine (the Prophet's Mosque), and Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa (the Mosque in Jerusalem).»** (Related by Al-Bukhari and Muslim). Also: **«The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) cursed the women who visit graves»** It is sufficient for women to perform Salahs (Prayers) in Al-Masjid Al-Nabawy (the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah) and to ask Allah to confer peace and blessings upon the Prophet (peace be upon him) everywhere.

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

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