



150288 - She did tawaf for 'umrah, then she went to Madinah, and did sa'i after she returned

the question

A woman entered ihram with the intention of doing 'umrah. She circumambulated the Ka'bah (tawaf) and prayed behind Maqaam Ibraaheem, then she went with her group to visit al-Madinah al-Munawwarah, and came back on the same day and did sa'i. Is her 'umrah valid, or does she have to do something?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is not stipulated that sa'i should be done straight after tawaf, according to the view of the majority of fuqaha'. So if someone does tawaf then delays sa'i for a day or more, his sa'i is valid.

Ibn Qudaamah (may Allah have mercy on him) said in *al-Mughni* (10/240): It is not essential that sa'i should be done straight after tawaf.

Imam Ahmad said: There is nothing wrong with delaying sa'i in order to rest, or until afternoon.

'Ata' and al-Hasan did not see anything wrong with someone circumambulating the Ka'bah at the beginning of the day and delaying [sa'i between] as-Safa and al-Marwah until afternoon. Al-Qaasim and Sa'eed ibn Jubayr did that. End quote.

See: *al-Majmoo'* (8/99); *al-Mawsoo'ah al-Fiqhiyyah* (25/18); and the answer to question no. [109320](#).

Based on that, this woman's 'umrah is valid, and it does not matter that she went to Madinah between tawaf and sa'i.



And Allah knows best.