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Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

It is impermissible to cover the face while in the state of ihr?m in such a manner that the cloth touches the face. Therefore, when in the presence of non-mahram men, a woman should wear her niq?b such that it hangs in front of her face without touching it. For example, she may wear a cap and hang the niq?b over it or stick two protruding objects in her scarf such that it prevents the niq?b from touching her face. However, if there are no non-mahram men around, then she does not need to cover her face.

For each day, if the woman covers her face such that the cloth touches her face, then

1. If she covers it for less than one hour, then there are two views.
 - a. According to the first view, she will have to give the amount of one fist full of wheat in sadaqah.
 - b. According to the second view, she will have to give sadaqah equivalent to the amount of sadaqat al-fitr
 - c. Although the first view is valid, precaution is in following the second view.

2. If she covers it for more than one but less than twelve hours, then she will have to pay sadaqah equivalent to the amount sadaqat al-fitr.

3. If she covers it for twelve hours or more, then she will have to pay damm.

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And Allah knows best

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