Question 507) - What is the definition and status of I'tikaf?

A: It is to stay in the Masjid with an intention. It is Sunnah Muakkadah upon Kifayah during the last days of Ramadan. If a single man of the area sits for I'tikaf then the obligation is lifted from the community, if not, then they are all guilty of abandoning that sunnah.

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