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Question

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Your advice and knowledge is deeply appreciated.

Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatoh

The rewards for performing haj are indeed very great. Nabi 000 0000 0000 0000 0000 said:

Whoever visits this house (i.e. the Kaba) and does not commit any obscene acts or indecent

speech he returns as the day his mother gave birth to him (free of sin).

The ruling for those who live within the boundaries of the miqat is that they are not allowed to perform tammatu haj (join haj and umrah in one journey). If they do perform tamattu, the umrah will be valid but they will be sinful for going against the commands of Shariah. Also they would have to slaughter an animal but this will not be as shukr (out of gratitude) (as is normally for the one who performs tamattu) but it will be as a compensation for his wrong doings (Jinayah).

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And Allah knows best

Wassalam

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