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Question

1) In the days of ramazan and hajj, now in makkah, we see the mixing of women in the suffuf. Especially in hajj. During the salah times, people generally fill places quickly and if it happens there is a woman by my side and praying the same salah, in congregation, then it will break mine as I understand from the fiqh. So, should i break mine and look for another place to pray? what about taraveeh? it will also get nullified -isn't it? We see sufuf that there are women present in a single circular saff along with the men. So, how should this be handled?

2) For etikaf purpose- whats the hudood of the masjid? Does bab-abdulaziz and elevators leading to basement come under the hudod? If during etikaf I wish to pray on the roof of haram- then will going on the elvators break the etikaf?

3) Is it ok to sleep with just shorts and the rest of my body bare, with my wife under the blanket?

Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

1) Due to the massive crowd in the haram, it is not a condition for the Imam to make a separate intention for the women. Therefore, the salah of every woman performing salah in the haram is valid.

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A male should try his level best not to have any female on his either side or in front of him during prayer. However, if in spite of exercising precaution he stills gets a woman next to him in prayer, he should stand slightly forward keeping his heals ahead of the toes of the woman. By doing this, the laws of muhaa'dhaat will not apply.

Likewise, if there is an entire saff of women, the first saff of men behind the women should place a sutra in front of them. This will cause their salaah to be valid. (Ahsan al fatawaa 3/365) The shoe bag etc. will also serve as a sutra.

2) Since the elevators are in the inner part of the doors it will be permissible to use them

while in itikaaf.
3) It is permissible to sleep next to ones wife with only shorts. However, modesty would demand that you conceal the area between your navel and knees.
And Allah knows best
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