105440 - Can My Daughters Do `Umrah with My Nephews?

the question

I want to travel for `Umrah with my brother's sons and take my daughters with me. Is my daughters' `Umrah valid?

Summary of answer

No, your daughters cannot do `Umrah with your nephews as their only companion if they have reached puberty. Although nephews are Mahrams for aunts (you), they are not Mahram for your daughters. This guideline ensures women's travel aligns with the principles mentioned in Hadith.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Can You Do `Umrah with Your Nephew?

It is permissible for you to travel for `Umrah with your brother's sons because they are Mahrams for you.

Can Your Daughters Do `Umrah with Their Male Cousins?

With regard to your daughters, if they have reached the age of puberty, then it is not permissible for them to travel without a Mahram (male cousins are not Mahram for them), because of the report narrated by Al-Bukhari (1729) and Muslim (2391) from Ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: The Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "No woman should travel unless she has a Mahram with her, and no man should enter upon her unless she has a Mahram with her." A man said: O Messenger of Allah, I want to go out with such-and-such a campaign, and my wife wants to go for Hajj. He said: "Go for Hajj with her."

It makes no difference whether a woman wants to travel for Hajj or `Umrah, or for some other purpose. In all cases it is stipulated that she should have a Mahram with her, because of the general meaning of the Hadiths and, in fact, because of what is mentioned in this Hadith about the woman setting out for Hajj, and the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) instructed her husband to go out with her for Hajj and to forget about Jihad.

If a woman does not have a Mahram, `Umrah and Hajj are not obligatory for her. If she goes out without a Mahram, she is sinning thereby.

And Allah knows best.