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the question

A woman from Yemen left instructions before she died telling her heirs to appoint someone to perform hajj on her behalf from her own wealth. Is it permissible for one who is living in Jeddah to perform Hajj on behalf of this woman? Can he enter ihraam from his house in Jeddah or should he go to the meeqaat of the people of Yemen, al-Saahili, and enter ihraam from there? Or does the one who is going to perform Hajj on behalf of this woman have to be from Yemen too, i.e., his departure for Hajj should be from Yemen? Does this pilgrim have to be from the same town as this woman who left this will?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The proxy does not have to do Hajj from the same town as the one on whose behalf he is doing Hajj, and he does not have to enter ihraam from his meeqaat, rather the proxy should enter ihraam from his own meeqaat. There is nothing wrong with performing Hajj from Jeddah on behalf of a woman from Yemen, and the proxy may enter ihraam from Jeddah.

The Standing Committee for Issuing Fatwas was asked about a man from Africa who wanted to delegate someone to do Hajj on behalf of his mother, and they replied:

It is permissible for the person mentioned to appoint a trustworthy person from Makkah or elsewhere to do Hajj on behalf of his mother if she is deceased or is unable to do Hajj herself, because she is elderly or sick with no hope of recovery.

And Allah is the Source of strength. May Allah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions. End quote.

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