42507 - Is Hajj Compulsory if `Umrah is done during Hajj Months?

the question

Before the beginning of the months of Haj, I did my Umrah before the month of Hajj, someone told me that Haj is Wajib on me now , although I have already did Hajj 2 years back, please clarify the same?

Summary of answer

Hajj is not obligatory for a person who performs `Umrah during the months of Hajj. One who performs Hajj is not obliged to do it again.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Hajj Is Obligatory Only Once in a Lifetime

What this person told you is not correct, because Hajj is only obligatory once in a lifetime, because of the Hadith of Ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) which says that Al-Aqra` ibn Habis asked the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): “O Messenger of Allah, is Hajj (to be done) every year or only once?” He said: “One once, and whoever does more than that, it is a voluntary (act of worship).” (Narrated by Abu Dawud, 1721; classed as authentic by Al-Albani)

`Umrah in Hajj Months – Is Hajj Obligatory?

Since you did Hajj before that, then you do not have to do Hajj again.

There are three months of Hajj: Shawwal, Dhul-Qi`dah and Dhul-Hijjah. Perhaps this person understood from the fact that they are called the months of Hajj that whoever does `Umrah during

these months is obliged to do Hajj. But this is incorrect; rather the reason why they are called the months of Hajj is that Hajj must happen during these months, not before or after them.

Shaykh Ibn `Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked about a man who did Hajj Tamattu', then after doing `Umrah he went back to his city and did not do Hajj – does he have to do anything (offer any expiation or ransom)?

He replied:

You do not have to do anything, because if a person is doing Hajj Tamattu` and enters Ihram for `Umrah, then decides not to do Hajj before he enters Ihram for Hajj, then he does not have to offer any expiation or ransom, unless he vowed to do Hajj this year. If he made such a vow then he is obliged to fulfil his vow. (End quote from Fatawa Ibn `Uthaymin, 2/679)

Refer to these answers for more context: (109348, 95571, 269212, 254973)

And Allah knows best.