109308 - They are camping in al-Sharaa’i’ to keep the peace; from where should they enter ihram?

the question

We are members of the Armed Forces and we participate in the Hajj Mission every year; we stay in al-Sharaa’i’ for approximately one month. During our tour of duty, we travelin the form of a convoy and the convoy is not allowed to stop at the miqaat. We go past the miqaat to the al-Sharaa’i’ area outside Makkah. Should we go out to al-Ji’raanah in order to enter ihram from there, or should we go back to al-Sayl al-Kabeer in order to enter ihram, because we will have passed it during our journey, or should we enter ihram from our camp which is al-Sharaa’i outside Makkah, near al-Amyaal?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

So long as you have come to work and you have passed the miqaat, if one of you wants to enter ihram, he should do so from where he is inside the boundary of the miqaat, because he entered with the intention of working and the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said, when mentioning the miqaats: “and whoever is living within these boundaries can enter ihraam from the place he sets out, and the people of Makkah can start from Makkah.” But if any of you had already decided to do Hajj or ‘umrah when he passed the Miqaat, then he has to go back to the miqaat and enter ihram from there, because the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said, when he defined the miqaats: “And these meeqaats are for the people at those very places, and besides them for those who come through those places with the intention of performing Hajj and 'Umrah.”

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

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