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the question

I live in Jeddah where I am a student in the university, and I am married. My family (my father and mother) live in Makkah and I am going to go to Makkah to visit them and stay with them until Saturday. Is it permissible for my wife and I to enter Ihram for `Umrah on Saturday from Ja'ranah, because it is close to my family's home in Al-Shara'i'?

Summary of answer

The Miqat for Jeddah residents is Jeddah itself because it is closer to Makkah and is closer than the Miqat. They must enter Ihram from within the city before proceeding to Makkah for Hajj or `Umrah.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If you have resolved to perform `Umrah on this trip of yours, then you have to enter Ihram for it from Jeddah, because Jeddah is closer to Makkah and is closer than the Miqat.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, after mentioning the Miqats: "Whoever is closer than that should enter Ihram from his home and the people of Makkah should enter Ihram from there." (Narrated by Al-Bukhari, 1526)

According to another Hadith: "Whoever is closer than that should enter Ihram from which he intends to head towards Makkah; and the people of Makkah should enter Ihram from Makkah." (Narrated by Al-Bukhari, 1524)

Shaykh Ibn Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

Jeddah is the Miqat for its people and for those who live there . (End quote from Fatawa Ibn Baz,

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In Fatawa Al-Lajnah Ad-Da’imah, it says:

With regard to Jeddah, it is the Miqat for the people of Jeddah and for those who live there, if they want to perform Hajj or `Umrah.

And Allah knows best.