Woman Performing Haj without Mahram (Guardian)

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Abstract

Whether it is a Muslim woman who can live in the present world or the people belonging to the age of ignorance, the Islamic religion gives women equal rights as the right to men. Islam is teaching certain conditions to women on both the discipline and conditional related matters. Women are forbidden to travel without any mahram (guardian) in travelling. But, it is said that during the Haj pilgrimage, they can be carried out without any guardian. In 2014, the Saudi Government announced that a woman could perform Haj pilgrimage without a male escort. Similarly, a few months before the Indian Government passed announcement that they could perform Haj pilgrimage without male. There is a wide variety of opinions among scholars because of the two statements of the Quran and Hadeeth in this regard. The paper elaborates on the reasons for the difference of the opinions among the Islamic scholars.

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