

The Ten Days of Zul – Hijjah

Rasulullah *Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam* has said, **“There is no time when pious actions are more loved by Allah than during the first ten days of Zul-Hijjah.”**The Sahaabah *Radhiyallahu Anhum* enquired, **“Is it greater than even Jihad in the path of Allah?”** Rasulullah *Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam* replied, **“It is even greater than Jihad except that Jihad where a person sacrifices his possessions and even his life in the path of Allah.”** (Tirmizi)

The Fast of Yowmul Arafah

The 9th day of Zul Hijjah is called Yowmul-Arafah. This is the date when the Hujjaj assemble on the plains of Arafat, where they perform the most essential duty of Hajj, the Wuqoof of Arafah.

The fast of Yowmul Arafah has been prescribed by Rasulullah *Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam* as a most meritorious act. **According to the Hadith, the fast of this day is a cause of forgiveness for sins committed in the past and future year.** (Muslim)

Clipping of nails & Removal of hair

It is Mustahab (preferable, but not obligatory) for a person performing Qurbani to abstain from trimming/removing hair or clipping nails from the commencement of Zul Hijjah to the time he slaughters his Qurbani animal. Hence, hair and nails should be removed prior to the commencement of Zul-Hijjah.