

The holy month Dhul Haj

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The last month of the Islamic Calendar

Meaning of the word Dul Haj:- The month of "Hajj" (Pilgrimage)

About the month of Dul Haj:- The fifth pillar of Islam "Hajj" is performed in this sacred month. The first ten days of Zul-Hijjah are the most virtuous days in this whole month, Hajj is performed amongst these ten days.

The month of Dhul-Hijjah is indeed a month of tremendous virtues and blessings. The First Ten Days of this month are especially significant and are among the most magnificent days in the Islamic calendar.

Hazrat Abu Haraira (r.a) reports from the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw): "Amongst all days there are none better to engage in sole worship of Allah than in the ten days of Dhul Haj, To observe a fast on any of these days is equivalent to fasting throughout the year, to actively engage in prayer and worship throughout any of these nights holds such rewarding values levelling with "night of power" (Laylatul-Qadr) "Tirmizi"

It has been stated in the Holy Qur'an: "By the dawn; By the ten nights (ie. the first ten days of the month of Dhul Haj), and by the even and the odd (of all the creations of Allah) and by night when it departs. There is indeed in them (the above oaths) sufficient proofs for men of understanding.

Hazrat Abu Qataadah (r.a) reports in a part narration from the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) concerning the fast observed on the day of Arafat: "I have full confidence in Allah for the one who observes a fast on the day of Arafat that his previous year's sins and the proceeding year's sins are forgiven." (Muslim)

Events of Dhul Haj

- The prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw): performed the farewell Hajj and gave the historic sermon known as the "Farewell Sermon"
- Egypt was conquered by the army sent by Hadhart Umar (R.A.)
- Uthmaan (R.A.) was appointed the third Caliph
- Also "Bay'ate-Aqabah" took place

Matrimonies within Dhul Haj

- Sayyida Hazrat Fatimah (r.d.a) was married in this holy month to the fourth Caliph Sayyidina Hazrat Ali (r.d)

Deaths in Dhul Haj

Two famous deaths took place in this month:

- Second Caliph Amir al-Mu'mineen Hadrat Umar Farooq (r.d) met martyrdom- 28th of Dhul Haj 26 A.H.
- Third Caliph Hadrat Uthman Ghani ZunNoorain (r.d) was martyred- 15th Dhul Haj 35 A.H.

Important Dates

- Urs of Hadrat Abd al-Razzaq Noor al-Ayn, Kicchocha Shareef on 7th Dhul Haj
- Yaum-e-Arafah - Day of Hajj on 9th Dhul Haj
- Eid al-Adha and Yaum-an-Nahar (Day of Sacrifice) on 10th Dhul Haj