

## The 25 Muharramat in IHRAM

I have combined them into 3 groups for simplicity and for purposes of this presentation: Things that never happen, things that occasionally happen, things that commonly happen

Some infractions carry Kaffara, (usually for doing wilfully) while others require Istighfār (when done absent-mindedly or due to lack of knowledge)

### Group 1: (3)

**1/25: Hunting.** Kaffara for hunting is complicated (Remember Yahta b. Aktham and Imam Jawad (A)!

**2/25: Reciting or witnessing a nikah.** Kaffara is Istighfār for witnessing

Ayat Sistani: The Nikah is Batil even if the woman (or the man) is not in ihram. Kaffara is a camel for all who participated in the Nikah (husband, wife, wakil), and moreover, and if he knew the ruling, he can never marry this woman in the future either.

**3/25: Carrying arms.** Kaffara is a sheep if done with no legitimate reason

### Group 2: (5)

**4-8/25: Intimate acts ranging from 1) Conjugal relations | 2) Kissing one's spouse | 3) Touching (with passion) | 4) Looking at one's spouse or non-Mahram with desire | 5) Self gratification**

The restriction of intimate relations between husband and wife are only lifted at the end of Haj after having performed Tawaf al-Nisa.

These Kaffara are as below:

For (1) it is a camel or a cow in 'Umra and camel in Hajj. And if takes place before Sa'i in 'Umra and before Wuquf of Muzdalifa in Hajj, the Hajj is invalidated.

For (2) and (3) Kaffara is sheep, except if done without passion. (**Practical tip**) Especially in helping or protecting her in Tawaf etc.

For (4) it is Istighfār, for (5) the rule is as (1)

### Group 3: (17)

**9/25: Killing Insects.** Killing insects is not permitted. However, there is no objection to moving them from one place to another.

There is no Kaffara for deliberately killing an insect, but one should do Istighfar

### (10-14/25): Self-Beautification

This includes, (1) **Use of Perfume (wearing or smelling) – from bad smell you may hurry away but not close nose.,**

(2) **Looking in the Mirror (allowed for drivers, checking injury, not checking appearance – caution selfies!!),**

**(3) Applying Oils – except for treatment – avoid especially scented oils**

**(4) Application of Kohl, Surma, Kajal (except for treatment??)**

**(5) Wearing jewellery (for ladies normal OK) or expensive rings (aqiq OK) ,watches etc.**

Kaffara for (1) is a sheep (not for smelling or avoiding by accident); for (2) there is no Kaffara but Istighfār and repeating talbiyya.

For (3) there is no Kaffara but Istighfār but if scented, then it is a sheep. If out of ignorance, a poor person should be fed.

For (4) there is no Kaffara but Istighfār. If perfume mixed in it then sheep as a precaution.

For (5) there is no Kaffara but Istighfār

**15-17/25: Grooming including 1) Removal of hair from body, 2) cutting nails, 3) Removing blood by scratching, dental work – tooth extraction, etc. (brushing is OK)**

Avoid activity that will result in hair coming off – in wudu, ghusl etc it is OK. DO NOT cut someone else's hair.

There is no problem brushing one's teeth even if it results in bleeding.

For (1) there is no Kaffara but Istighfār; if he shaves head or removes armpit hair (unless for treatment) it's a sheep.

For (2) it is one mudd (750g) of food grain for every nail but if you cut all its a sheep.

For (3) there is no Kaffara but Istighfār

**18/25: Wearing sewn clothes (for men):**

- Men not permitted to wear any stitched clothes (tags, stitched hems are OK)
- Belts are fine, for whatever reason
- One cannot tie a knot or use a pin or needle on the loin cloth; one cannot tie a knot on the shoulder cloth, but can connect its loose ends with a pin or needle
- Ladies can wear sewn clothes but not gloves
- Kaffara is a sheep

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**19/25: Covering feet for men**

- It is forbidden for a male to cover their feet by wearing shoes, slippers, socks, or stockings.

- A male is allowed to wear slippers that only cover a part of the foot.
- He is also allowed to cover his whole foot without wearing anything e.g. by letting the cloth of the ihram cover the foot while sitting, or by using blanket
- There is no objection for women covering their feet, and socks are a wajib part of hijab

There is no Kaffara but Istighfār

### **20-21/25: Covering the head (men), covering the face (women), immersing head into water**

1) It is not permissible for men to cover one's head or a part of it with a cloth during ihram.

The ear is considered to be a part of one's head. Therefore, it is not permissible to cover one's ears with your cell phone. There is however no problem using earphones for one's iPod etc.

2) For women, it is not permitted to cover one's face with a veil or a hand fan or mask while in the state of ihram.

The Kaffara for both 1) and 2) is a sheep

### **22/25: Sheltering in shaded places (men)**

- Avoiding cover or shade implies not sheltering oneself from the sun or rain.
- It is permissible for men to be in a bus at night, because there is no sun out (not for Ayat Khui). However if it rains, one must either get off the bus, or face a kaffarah.
- Using an umbrella, or being under the roof of a vehicle, is forbidden for men. There is however no objection if the shade covers one side of the body e.g. when one walks besides a parked car.
- Being under fixed objects like the shade of a wall, tree, mountain is fine.
- The prohibition of sheltering is only when one is travelling. When one reaches one's destination or place of accommodation, there is no objection to being under shade.
- There is no problem for women and children being under shade, or for men out of necessity.

Kaffara is a sheep for each day the rule is breached.