

THE TEN DAYS OF ZUL - HIJJAH

Rasulullah ﷺ has said, **“There are no days on which pious actions are more beloved to Allah than during the first ten days of Zul-Hijjah.”** The Sahaabah ﷺ enquired, **“Is it greater than even Jihad in the path of Allah?”** Rasulallah ﷺ 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 Youmul Arafah

The 9th day of Zul Hijjah is called *Yowmul-Arafah*. The fast of *Yowmul Arafah* has been prescribed by Rasulallah ﷺ as a most meritorious act. **According to the Hadith, the fast of this day becomes 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 (**expected date: Friday (after Maghrib) 2nd September 2016**) to the time he slaughters his Qurbani animal. Hence, hair and nails should be removed prior to the commencement of Zul-Hijjah.

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