

THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF ZUL - HIJJAH

Rasulullah ﷺ has said, **“There are no days during which pious actions are more beloved to Allah than on the first ten days of Zul-Hijjah.”** The Sahaabah ﷺ enquired, “Is it greater than even Jihad in the path of Allah?” Rasulullah ﷺ replied, **“It is even greater than Jihad except that Jihad where a person sacrifices his possessions and even his life for Allah.”** (Tirmizi)

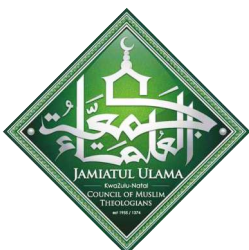
The Fast of Youmul Arafah

The 9th of Zul Hijjah is *Yowmul-Arafah*. The fast of *Yowmul Arafah* has been prescribed by Rasulullah ﷺ as a most meritorious act.

Fasting on the day of Arafah 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: Sunday (after Maghrib) 12th August 2018**) 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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