

HAJJ

(Pilgrimage to Makkah)



What is Hajj?

Hajj is the fifth basic duty of Islam

Hajj is a visit to the Kabah in Makkah during the 12th Month of the Islamic calendar – Dhul Hijjah

Hajj is an act of worship to please Allah

A Muslim tries to make pilgrimage at least once in a lifetime.

What is the Kabah?

The Kabah is the house of Allah in the city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia

It is a large cube-shaped building covered with a large black cloth, with gold Arabic calligraphy

Muslims must face towards the Kabah at the time of prayer. This direction is called the Qiblah.

Who built the kabah?

- It was built by the first prophet Adam (pbuh).
- It was rebuilt by the Prophets Ibrahim (pbuh) and his son Ismail (pbuh).
- It is the first house built on earth to worship Allah and has been made larger over the years.
- During Hajj, Muslims from all over the world gather together in Makkah.

Background to Hajj

Adam and Eve

- The symbolism of Hajj goes way back to the beginning to Adam, the first man.
- The story begins with a small mountain in the plain of Arafat which is known as the Mount of Mercy.
- It was here Adam and Eve were forgiven for their sins.
- For Muslims to be on that mountain on one of the days of Hajj is important and a main part of the Hajj ritual.

Ibrahim

The second most important moment celebrated by Hajj is the occasion when the loyalty of Ibrahim was put to the test.

Ibrahim had vowed to sacrifice everything in his life to Allah.

He took his son to a place called Mina to sacrifice him but on the way he had to pelt Satan 3 times to leave him alone as Satan was telling Ibrahim not to follow what Allah had told him.

Allah was so pleased with Ibrahim and his willingness to sacrifice his son

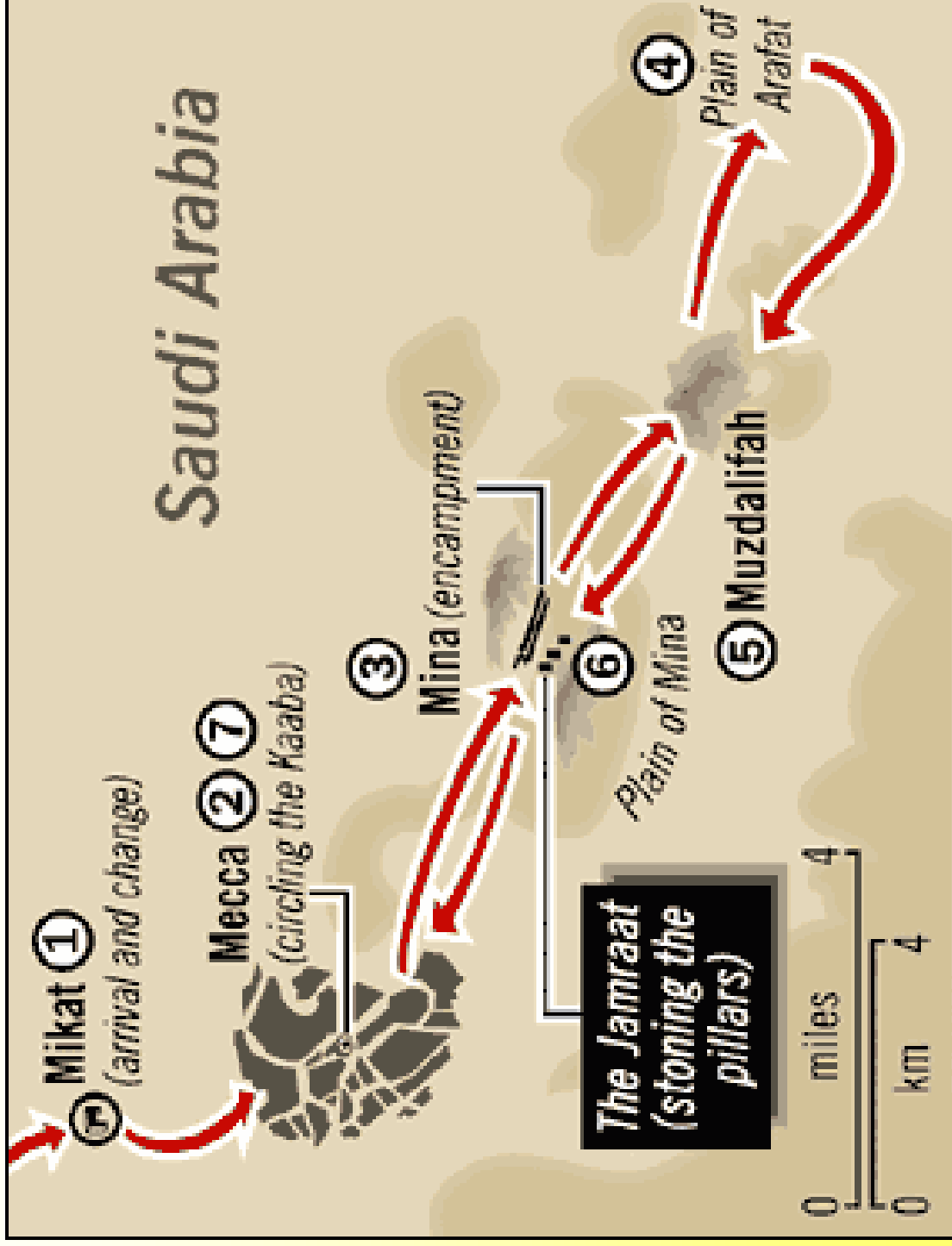
A Ram was placed where Ibrahim's son stood and was slaughtered.

This day is an important day in Hajj and for all Muslims around the world.

This day is known as Eid-Al-Adha (Eid of Sacrifice).

On this day Muslims around the world sacrifice an animal and feed it to poor people.

The Pilgrims Route



Hajj at a Glance

First Day:

Put on ihram again, and declare one's intention of performing Hajj. Perform tawaf of the kabah and sa'y, if not performed earlier and leave for Mina early in the morning. Stay overnight in Mina. This day is known as the day of reflection.

Second Day:

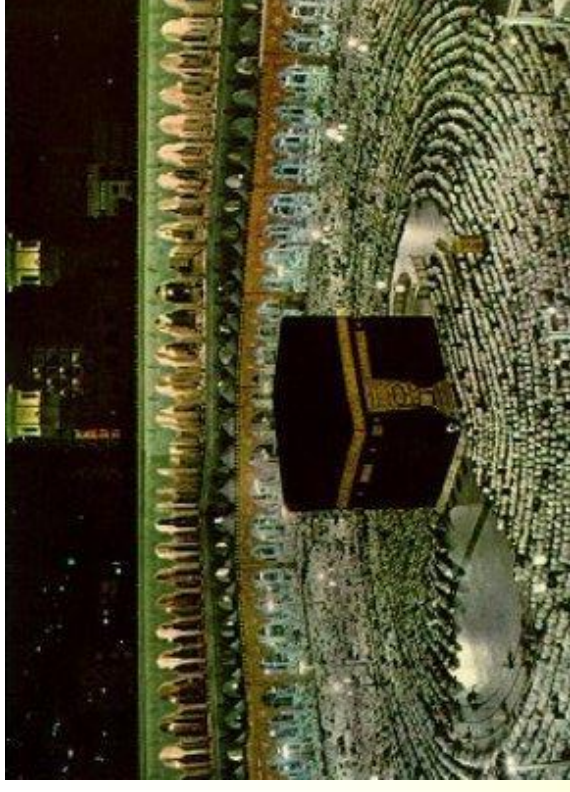
Go to Arafat, stand here with devotion, until sunset, praying and asking God for forgiveness. This day is known as the day of forgiveness. In the evening move to Muzdalifah, rest there at night & collect small pebbles for stoning in Mina.

Third Day:

Go to Mina and throw small stones at the satan pillars. Offer sacrifice and have the hair shaved or trimmed. Go to Makkah perform tawaf then return to Mina. This day is known as the day of sacrifice.

Fourth day:

Stay in Mina and throw pebbles at Satan pillars. This day and the next two days are known as 'the days of drying meat.'



Fifth day:

Stay in Mina and throw pebbles at Satan pillars. Return the same day to Makkah and perform tawaf, then drink the water of Zamzam. This ends the Hajj.

Thank you for
listening!

Any Questions?

