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Q: There is a Hajji (pilgrim to Makkah) who stood on Mount 'Arafah, stayed at Muzdalifah and headed in the morning for Mina on the day of 'Eid-ul-Adha (the Festival of the Sacrifice). There he stoned Al-'Aqabah, had his hair shaved and took off Ihram while still in Mina. Later, he went to Makkah where he performed Tawaf-ul-Ifadah (final obligatory circumambulation around the Ka'bah in Hajj). Is this permissible? In fact, someone told me that it is not permissible to have one's hair shaved and to take off Ihram in Mina except after performing Tawaf-ul-Ifadah.

A: It is permissible to shave the hair before or after performing Tawaf-ul-Ifadah. Moreover, the way you performed rites on the Day of Eid-ul-Adha, throwing pebbles, having your hair shaved and then performing Tawaf-ul-Ifadah, is the Sunnah (action following the example of the Prophet)

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which was practiced by the Prophet (peace be upon him) in his Farewell Hajj.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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