The first and second questions of Fatwa no. 3785

Q 1: There are some trees about 80 kilometers from my region. We call these trees Al-Rakah, meaning, Arak tree. My question is: Is it permissible for me to make Miswaks (tooth-cleansing sticks) out of these trees and sell them in Makkah and Al-Madinah during the season of Hajj bearing in mind that my intention is originally to perform Hajj and not to sell the Miswaks?

A: It is permissible for you to sell the Miswaks in Makkah. This will not affect the validity of your Hajj even if you initially intended to sell them. This is based on the generality of the Saying of Allah (Exalted be He): (There is no sin on you if you seek the Bounty of your Lord (during pilgrimage by trading).)

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