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Question: What is the rule on travel to areas controlled by the regime out of necessity?

Answer: Generally, travel to infidel territory and particularly travel to the regions controlled by the regime with the intent to reside there out of necessity on a temporary basis. Whether that need was about a business or for any other reason, it is permissible. It is conditioned on the ability to clearly demonstrate one's rejection of infidels and hate of polytheism, disbelief and its people, and to avoid becoming their supporter.

It is also conditioned on protecting the faith, and the ability to speak openly about the Islamic traditions without fear or opposition. These traditions include: showing the right way to wear clothes and the proper general appearance...etc, avoid imitating their characteristics, or participating in their national celebrations and pagan ceremonies, congratulating them, and glorifying them...etc. In other brief words: to disagree with them in public and in private.

We assert that these conditions are not achievable for those who want to travel to the regions controlled by the regime; rather what we see is the opposite. Those travelling to these areas are forced to show loyalty to the regime and show enmity towards the Islamic State and Allah is the one who gives aid.

Thus, Muslims are generally banned from traveling to the lands of the infidels and particularly the regions of the regime due to the religiously prohibitive conditions .

However, if the travel was caused by a hopeless health condition that can't be treated within the territory of Islam, then it is permissible to travel to the lands of infidels and the necessity of travel is evaluated based on its urgency. There is no doubt that the degree of urgency differs from the degree of necessity.

Allah knows best, and our last prayer is to thank Allah, prayers and peace be upon Muhammad, his household, his companion, and his brothers until the judgment day.



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