

General Takbir (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]") at `Eid-ul-Adha (the Festival of the Sacrifice)

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Q: What is your opinion regarding offering general Takbir in `Eid-ul-Adha? Does it continue until the thirteenth day of Dhul-Hijjah? Is there any difference between a person who is performing Hajj and a person who is not?

A: One should continue offering general Takbir until the end of the thirteenth day of Dhul-Hijjah. There is no difference in this regard between a person who is performing Hajj and others. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: (and mention the Name of Allah on appointed days (i.e. 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th day of Dhul-Hijjah)...) and (And remember Allah during the appointed Days.) Al-Bukhari reported that Ibn `Abbas said: "Al-Ayam Al-Ma`lumat (appointed days) are the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah and Al-Ayam Al-Ma`dudat (appointed days) are 11th, 12th and 13th day of Dhul-Hijjah. "Al-Bukkharialso saidthat Ibn `Umar and Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with them both) used to go to the market in the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah in order to offer Takbir.

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People used to follow their example in offering Takbir.

It was also reportedby Al-Bukhari as a commentarythat Ibn `Umar used to offer Takbir during these days in Mina, after finishing every Salah (prayer), in his bed and pavilion, and while sitting or walking.

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