**CAN HAJJ BE ABANDONED?**

**Issue 1:** In the light of many verses and hadiths, a person who has qualified for Hajj and is well aware that hajj is obligatory upon him and yet does not perform it has committed a major sin.

Allah Almighty in the Holy Qur’an says:

وَلِلّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجَّ الْبَيْتِ مِنْ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ

"Pilgrimage to the House is a duty imposed upon mankind by God for everyone who can afford a way to it. Anyone who disbelieves will find that God is Transcendent beyond any need of the Universe":[1]

It is narrated from Imam Sadiq (as):

"If a person dies and does not perform Hajj while there was no pressing need, severe illness or any cruel ruler which may prevent him from performing it, he will die as a Jew or a Christian".[2]

[1] Sura Alay Imran, verse. 97