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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is it permissible to fast the day of Arafat if there are days left to make up from Ramadhaan?

Shaykh ibn Baaz (May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him): The person performing Hajj does not fast the day of Arafat. It is obligatory for him to break his fast on the day of Arafat. As for those not performing Hajj then it is recommended for them to fast the day of Arafat, as it is a virtuous day. Fasting this day is atonement for the previous year and the following year. It contains a great deal of good, but those performing Hajj do not fast; because the Prophet (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him) stood upon Arafat and he was not fasting and he prohibited fasting that day. As for those not performing Hajj, there is no problem if they fast. But if he has days to make up (from Ramadhaan) then he begins with the make-up days. And if he makes up his missed days from Ramadhaan by fasting on the day of Arafat, and the first nine days of Dhul Hija, then this is good.