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Q 2: My sister and father performed Hajj with a group of people. On the Day of `Arafah, an Iranian woman brought a silk thread and asked my sister and the women with her saying: Could any one of you who is performing Hajj for the first time tie a knot with that silk thread? The eldest woman among them, who had performed Hajj before, told them to tie the knot for her and they did. The question now is: Is the Hajj of the person who tied the knot valid? The Iranian woman told them that she knew an ill man who used this knot and got cured. My sister and the women with her did not tell my father about this so that he might stop it as they felt ashamed.

A: This deed is not permissible. If the woman who did so had no knowledge, it is considered an excuse for her. But if she knew that it was impermissible for her to do so, she is considered a sinner and has to repent to Allah and seek His forgiveness and never do anything like this again. As for her performance of Hajj, it is valid, by Allah's Will.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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