

Cutting Hair and Nails for Someone Who Wants to Offer a Sacrifice

It was narrated from Umm Salamah (may Allah be pleased with her) that Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, **“When you see the new moon of Dhul-Hijjah and one of you wants to offer a sacrifice, let him refrain from (removing anything) from his hair or nails”**(Muslim). The majority of scholars, with the exception of Hanbalis and Ibn Hazm, agree on that it is only recommended for the one who wants to offer a sacrifice to refrain from removing anything (hair or nails) when he or she sees the new moon of Dhul-Hijjah. Additionally, even the Hanbalis who say that it is obligatory do not invalidate one’s sacrifice if he or she cuts his or her hair or nails.