



Should a traveler, who returns to his country for two days, shorten Salah (Prayer)?

The second question of Fatwa no. 7075

Q 2: A young Muslim man studying for a week or two in a city that is 112 kilometers away from his home returns for weekly vacations on Thursdays and Fridays. He asks if he is permitted to shorten prayers during the two-day weekend knowing that he suffers no fatigue whatsoever due to travel.

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As we know, the prescribed period for not shortening Salah is four days, i.e. twenty prayers.

A: The said person should not shorten prayers on his weekends whether he stays a day, more, or less, because he is not a traveler. The same is applicable to the place of his study according to the most correct opinion of scholars, as he is staying for longer than the prescribed period for shortening prayer. However, he may shorten the four Rak`ah Salahs (Prayer consisting of four units) during his travel between his home city and the place of his study.

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

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