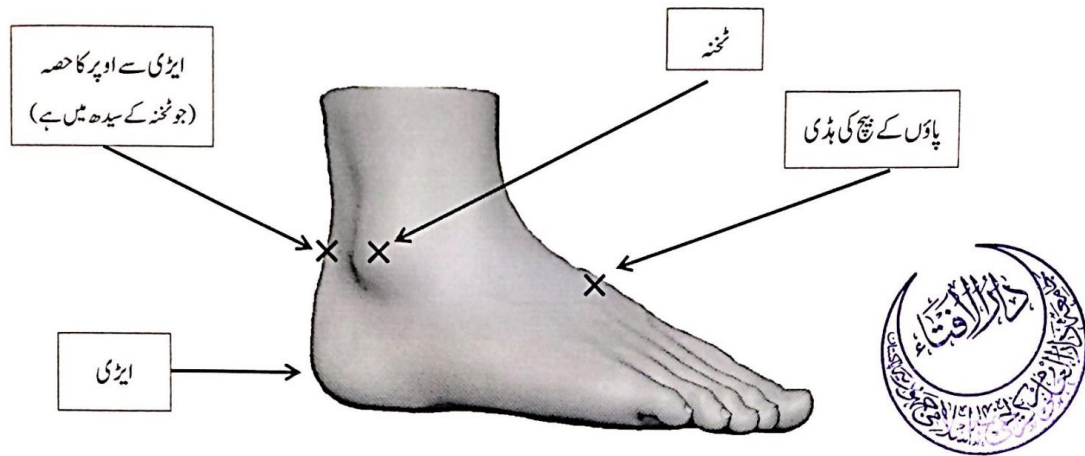


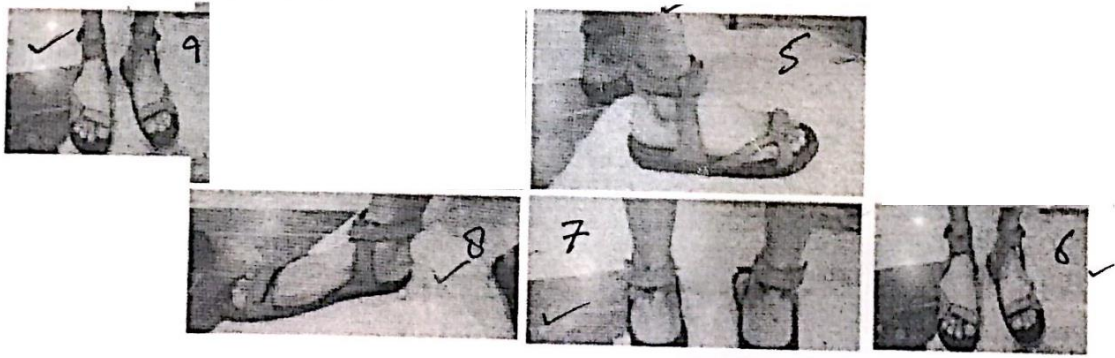
Seeking clarity on DUK fatwa regarding Ihram Sandals

There has been some discussion in the علماء chat group regarding the issue of which type of sandals are permitted for men in Ihraam, more particularly in the light of two fatawa issue by Darul Uloom Karachi (dated 16 February 2013 and 10 July 2018) and my brief article on the issue.

To summarise, DUK has identified three spots or small areas which must be exposed. These are indicated by X in the diagram below.



Their contention is that provided these three areas are exposed, the type of sandal will be permitted. They hence conclude that the following sandal is permissible.



From the photo marked 5, it is clear that the three spots are exposed.

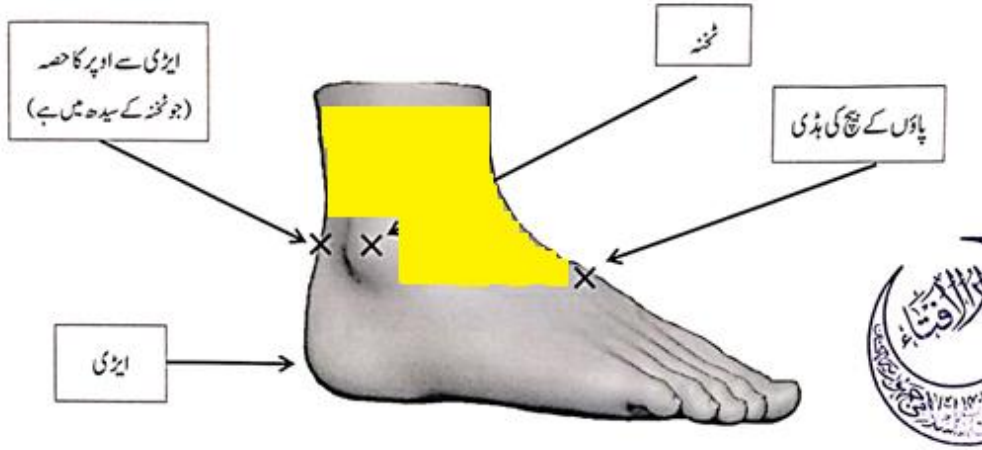
With respect, my humble view is that all the area above the line in the following photo must be exposed.



This is based on:

- (a) The default position in Ihraam is that the feet must be exposed, and
- (b) One is only permitted to cover the area which is *أَسْفَلَ مِنَ الْكَعْبَيْنِ*.

The difference would then be that according to DUK, the yellow area in the following photo may be covered, whereas in my humble view it may not.



With respect, the difficulty I have with the DUK position is to understand from which clear text in the books of fiqh they derived the conclusion that only the three mentioned areas have to be exposed.

If any of the esteemed Ulama could refer me to such texts, I would appreciate it.

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