

FATWA

Leaving out sajdah sahw in Salaat.

Q. A person performed his salaah, and after some time he realized that a sajdah sahw which had become wajib in the salaah was not performed. What should he do in this case? Also, what is the ruling if the sajdah sahw was left out intentionally?

A. Sajdah sahw, if left out (forgetfully or intentionally), should be performed as long as the time for that salaah remains, and as long as a person does not do any act that can prevent him from the continuation of a salaah after the salaam. (e.g. Talking, Eating, Laughing, Turning ones chest away from the Kaaba, or a long duration of time after the salaam).

However, if any of these acts were done intentionally, then it would be wajib to repeat the salaah as long as the time of that salaah has not terminated. On the other hand if any of the acts were done while forgetting that it was wajib or the time for that salaah has terminated, then he would be excused from repeating the salaah.

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And Allah knows best.

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