Fatwa No. 8312

Q: We want to inform Your Honor that we have a sum of money whose owners are not known. We do not know their phone numbers or even addresses. Only their names are known to us. Five to Ten years have passed, but no one has claimed the money. Thus, we keep transferring them from one record book to another every year, but we have lost hope in finding or calling them. We thought to ask Your Honor for a ruling on these funds, and how we can deal with them?

A: If the case is as mentioned, that you do not know their addresses or phone numbers, but only have their names, adjust the amount of each person, then donate it on their behalf, and should any of them later ask what you have done, if they agree to this, praise be to Allah, but if they claim their right, give it to them and you will be rewarded and discharged from the debt. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and companions!

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