

Selling visas

Fatwa no. 13263:

Q: One of my relatives rented a shop in return for ten thousand riyals approximately. He applied for three visas. After acquiring them, one of his friends told him that one of his relatives wanted to buy one of these visas. They willingly paid eight thousand riyals for that visa. The person who was in need of this visa was in Saudi Arabia. He stayed there until the visa expired though the employer had asked him to go home and issue a new visa before the current visa expired. However, he did not listen. After the visa expiration, this person came to my relative and asked him to repay him half of the money he received.

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But my relative refused to give him the money and told him that it was his own fault staying until the visa expired. So, he brought it upon himself. Is it permissible for my relative to take this money? We would like you to guide us to the truth in this regard. May Allah reward you well!

A: It is not permissible to sell visas as issuing visas is the work of the Ministry of Interior Affairs.

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

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