



Fatwa no. 16576:

Q: A man has ill-gotten money through interest. May Allah protect us and all the Muslims from it. Can he use it in charitable projects, such as establishing colleges of Shari`ah, schools of memorizing the Qur'an and others? Is it Haram (prohibited) or Makruh (reprehensible) to establish Masjids (mosques) using this money? Please advise, may Allah increase you in knowledge and insight!

A: Usurious interests are Haram, as Allah says, ﴿Whereas Allâh has permitted trading and forbidden Ribâ (usury).﴾ A person whose money includes Riba should get rid of it by spending it on what is beneficial to the Muslims, including constructing roads, establishing schools and giving it to the poor. However, it is impermissible to build Masjids using usurious money. A person should not take interest or continue taking them.

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

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