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Selling Flowers

Fatwa No. (17156):

Q: Recently, selling flowers near hospital entrances has become quite common with prices ranging from 50 riyals to 1000, and even 2000 riyals. People buy flowers for hospital patients which is an imitation of what non-Muslims do in non-Muslim countries. Moreover, people have begun to boast about it spending lots of money eventhough flowers wither in no time and are then thrown away as rubbish. Your Honor, we fear that this may lead to people placing flowers on the graves of the dead as practiced in the West and in some Arab countries. We know that flower shops are usually located near churches in non-Muslim countries. We hope that Your Eminence issue a fatwa on the issue in an attempt to give an end to such a practice.

A: Based on the above mentioned facts, The Permanent Committee for Scholarly Research and Ifta issues the fatwa that this practice is impermissible as it entails wasting money on non-useful purposes and imitating Allah's adversaries in this custom.

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

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