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Q: When some of the owners of car workshops fix a car that needs one of its parts replaced, they buy the part and ask the person who is selling the spare part to write a price on the bill that is more than the real value. Afterwards, the owners of the workshop take the full price from the car owner along with the difference in price. What is the legal ruling on this act?

A: It is obligatory on Muslims to be truthful in their transactions. It is not permissible for them to lie

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nor to take people's money without the right to do so. Likewise, if someone is authorized to buy something, it is not permissible for him to take the extra price. It is also not permissible for the person who sold the spare part to write an incorrect amount on the bill in order to betray the person who will pay for it. Doing so will cause him to pay more than the real value and this is a form of cooperation in sin and aggression and eating up people's money unjustly. It is not lawful to take the wealth of a Muslim except with his consent. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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