



First question of Fatwa no. 20069

Q 1: I have a sister. She is older than me and she is married. One day my sister bought some commodities for five hundred riyals and agreed with the seller that she would pay later. She was then hurt in an accident before she could pay the debt mentioned above. When I visited her at the hospital, she told me about that matter. She told me that she was on her way to pay back the debt but she could not make it. I then took the money. Please tell me what should I do with it bearing in mind that I am indebted with around twenty thousand riyals. Should I use the money mentioned above to pay back my own debt? Should I give it to her mother or what should I do with it?

A: In case that you do not know the people to whom this money is due after looking for them and exploring the matter, it is obligatory on you that you give such money in Sadaqah (voluntary charity) in their behalf. Only doing so will discharge you of responsibility.

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