



Fifth and Sixth Questions of Fatwa no. (3201):

Q5, 6: Is it permissible for me to demolish small Masjids (mosques) that have shrines of sheikhs who are called Awliya' (pious people)? Is it permissible for me to take part of their ruins, such as the roof or the cover so that I can benefit from them?

A5, 6: First, Building Masjids on graves is Haram (prohibited), as it is authentically established that the Prophet (peace be upon him) prohibited this and cursed those who do so. If they are built, the Muslim rulers should demolish them as a form of preventing

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evil, for they were not founded on Taqwa (fearing Allah as He should be feared). Likewise, if a group of Muslims has the ability, they themselves should tear it down, provided that this will not cause any Fitnah (turmoil) which cannot be overcome. In his call for Tawhid (monotheism), the Prophet (peace be upon him) did not destroy the idols which were at the Ka`bah and those inside it at first. However, when the Muslims became more powerful, he demolished them on the year of the Conquest of Makkah.

Second: If they are demolished, it is permissible for you to take parts that you can make use of, as long as there is no fear of Fitnah or harm.

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

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