



## Payment for blood donors

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**Q: A Blood bank gives presents to blood donors such as Salah (Prayer) rugs, medals, head coverings or the like, and sometimes 300 riyals. I would like to know what the Shari`ah (Islamic law) ruling is on such gifts.**

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**A:** It is impermissible to sell blood. This is based on the Hadith recorded in the (Sahih (authentic book of Sunnah) of [Al-Bukhari](#)) on the authority of [Abu Juhayfah](#) who said: [﴿ I saw my father buying a slave whose profession was cupping and ordered that his instruments \(of cupping\) be broken. I asked him about the reason behind doing so. He replied, "Allah's Messenger \(peace be upon him\) prohibited taking money for blood, the price of a dog, and the earnings of a slave-girl by prostitution; he cursed she who tattoos and she who gets tattooed, the one who takes or gives Riba \(usury\), and the maker of statues.﴾](#)

**Al-Hafiz said in al-Fat-h:** What is meant by the Hadith is that it is prohibited to sell blood just as it is prohibited to sell dead meat and pork. In fact, to sell blood and take its price, is prohibited according to the scholars' unanimous agreement. End quote.

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