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To Observe People's Rights in Mourning

Question 1: Is there anything wrong with making mourning processions on public roads, which sometimes cause inconvenience and block the path of pedestrians and vehicles?

Answer: Holding mourning processions for the master of martyrs and his companions (peace be upon them) and participating in similar ceremonies is highly desirable and admirable and among the greatest actions that brings a person closer to God, but one should avoid acts which are ḥarām in themselves or hurt others.

Attending Mourning Ceremonies during a Disease Outbreak

Question 2: What is the ruling on attending mourning ceremonies of the Master of the Martyrs (peace be upon him) during the outbreak of a disease like Corona?

Answer: There is nothing wrong with it while following health tips and related instructions. Rather, it is one of the best acts and among highly recommended things.

Missing One's Prayer due to a Long Mourning Ceremony

Question 3: Some mourning groups continue the mourning ceremony until late at night, in such a way that some people miss their prayers. Is the mentioned action permissible?

Answer: It is obvious that the obligatory prayer takes precedence over attending the mourning ceremonies of the Ahlul Bayt (peace be upon them), and it is not permissible to neglect the prayer and make up for it under the pretext of these ceremonies. It is appropriate that their programs are arranged in such a way that they do not disturb the prayer.

Respecting the Blessed Names

Question 4: What is the ruling of putting the blessed names sticker on the disposable containers that are distributed for free at special stations and mourning ceremonies (and sometimes there is a certainty that the container will be thrown away by people)?

Answer: There is no problem in it by itself, but the person who receives the dishes must act according to his duty, and in any case, desecration is not allowed.

A Nadhr to Feed the Mourners during the Outbreak of a Disease

Question 5: If someone has made a nadhr to feed the mourners by reciting the required formulae, what is his duty considering the current situation of a disease outbreak?

Answer: As long as it is possible to perform the nadhr in compliance with health regulations and recommendations, it cannot be abandoned or changed, but if the nadhr formulae has not been recited, one has no duty in this regard.

Remaining Money Raised for Āshūrā Ceremony

Question 6: On what area should the remaining money, raised to cover expenses of the Ashura ceremony of Imam Hussain (a.s.), be spent?

Answer: If a sharʿī nadhr has been materialized, one must follow the nadhr terms. Otherwise, with the permission of the donors, the remaining money can be spent on good deeds or kept for use in future mourning ceremonies.

To Spend What Remains from Goods Dedicated to Mourners for Arbaʿīn Pilgrims

Question 7: Some rice has been given to the mosques' mourning groups at the government rate for the Muharram ceremony and that of mourning for Imam Hussein (peace be upon him). Can it be consumed during Arbaʿīn for pilgrims going to Iraq?

Answer: It is not permissible and it should be used in the same mosques for Muharram and mourning ceremonies.

Khums on Scholarship

Question 8: Is it to pay Khums on the scholarship that is given to some university students?

Answer: Scholarship is not subject to khums, except for students who are employed, and receive scholarship and salary during their studies, i.e. education is a part of their job.

Withdrawal of the Endowment Supervisor after Accepting It

Question 9: In a waqf, the endower has designated the trustee and supervisor. Can the supervisor, after accepting the supervision, hand it over to someone else or hire a lawyer to carry out the supervision?

Answer: By obligatory caution, it is not permissible for the supervisor to relinquish the supervision after accepting it or handing it over to someone else. However, if the supervision is not dependent on the supervisor's personal opinion, he can choose a pious and reliable person to do it on his behalf.