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Adding the conjunction "Wa" (And) to the words of the Adhan

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Q: There is an old Mu'adhin (caller to Prayer) who constantly adds the conjunction "Wa" (And) to the last phrase of the Adhan (call to prayer), so after "Allah Akbar, Allah Akbar" (Allah is the Most Great), he adds "wa" (And) "La Ilaha Illa Allah" (There is no deity but Allah). His son- the Imam (the one who leads congregational Prayer) of the Masjid (Mosque) where he pronounces the Adhan- told me that he advised him to quit doing this long ago, but when he did, his father refused to respond to him and refrained from eating with him. We also advised the man (caller to prayer) not to do this, yet he insists on doing it. Consequently, his son asked us to displace him of this job, but we told him that we were afraid to drive a wedge between him and his father, but he told us not to worry about this. Answer us, may Allah bless you, are we entitled to request his displacement of this job? How can we advise him and inform him of the truth?

A: If the case is as mentioned, you should clarify to him that he should quit doing this, as it is not authentically reported with regard to the description of the legal Adhan. However this addition of (And) does not nullify the Adhan as it does not change the meaning.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions!

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