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Lavatories around the Masjid

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Q: I noticed that in some Masjids (mosques) the lavatories and the places prepared for Wudu' (ablution) are built close to the Masjids or under the minarets. I think we should honor the minarets and do not make them as ceilings of lavatories. I hope you will study this issue and tell us the ruling so we may inform people. May Allah protect you!

A: If the situation is as you have mentioned and the places assigned for Wudu', lavatories etc. are built under the minarets or close to the Masjid, there is no harm in it as long as it does not cause people or the Masjid any harm. There is no legal evidence prohibiting this.

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

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