



Announcing a title deed in the Masjid

Fatwa no. 3842:

Q: Some citizens may finish the procedures of the possession of some properties and want to acquire the ownership deeds. The court sends a copy of these deeds to the Imam (the one who leads congregational Prayer) of the Masjid who announces it to the residents of the neighborhood inside the Masjid directly after the Salah. Sometimes, severe arguments are raised among prayers inside the Masjid. Some of us were of the opinion that

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the Imam should tell the people that after performing the supererogatory prayer following the Friday prayer, the announcement of the title deed of so-and-so will be declared in the courtyard of the Masjid. So whoever is a partner of the concerned person, or living by the said property, or has properties next to it, or has rights due on this person, or is willing to hear the announcement of the title deed, can attend in the courtyard of the Masjid after the supererogatory Salah. As for the Masjid itself, it is not dedicated for such purpose, and reading the title deed inside it will more likely cause nothing but mere confusion. I hope that your Eminence will give us a Fatwa whether the way suggested as a solution to this problem is valid. Evidently, the suggestion mentioned meets the interest of all and saves the Masjid from much arguments and confusion, that are improper to its sacredness, or do you see nothing wrong with this situation?

A: It is not permissible to perform such matters in Masjids or its attached courtyard, for Masjids are built to worship Allah, teach and learn religious knowledge, and other issues akin to Din (religion). However, dedicating Masjids to the said matters does not pertain to the essence of Din. The poster of the deed can be hung outside the door of the Masjid in a place dedicated for such matters and known to people. Subsequently, evil is ward off and the benefit aspired is obtained.

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

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