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Interrupting Salah with or without a legal excuse

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The sixth question of Fatwa no. 3785

Q 6: If a man performs an obligatory Salah (prayer) and sees a snake or scorpion before him, can he interrupt his Salah to kill it?

A: He is legally permitted to interrupt his Salah to kill the snake or the scorpion. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, [﴿ Kill the two black things during Salah, the snake and scorpion. ﴾](#) This Hadith was reported by the Compilers of the Sunan (Hadith compilations classified by jurisprudential themes). It was deemed as authentic Hadith by Ibn Hibban. If he can kill them while he is performing Salah, then his Salah is valid.

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

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