



The eighth question of Fatwa no. 8501

Q8: Is it permissible for those performing Salah (Prayer) to discontinue it if they see an animal or insect, such as a scorpion or another poisonous creature, approaching them? Also, is it permissible for someone to break off a Salah being performed in Al-Haram (the Sacred Mosque in Makkah) if they lose their child? Please advise us.

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A: If it is possible to remove the scorpion or other creature without interrupting the Salah, do not discontinue it. However, if this is not possible, it may be discontinued. The same applies to the situation with the child. If it is possible to find the child without breaking the Salah, this should be done, if not, the Salah may be discontinued.

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

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