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Reward of a woman who dies in labor

The third question of Fatwa no. 829

Q3: Are there any reports from the Prophet (peace be upon him) regarding the reward of a woman who dies during pregnancy?

A: Yes; it was related by Imam Malik in "Al-Muwatta", by Ahmad in "Al-Musnad (Hadith Compilation)" by Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah, and Al-Nasa'y in their "Sunan (Hadith compilations classified by jurisprudential themes)", Ibn Hibban in his "Sahih (Book of Authentic Hadith)", and Al-Hakim in "Al-Mustadrak", on the authority of Jabir ibn 'Atik, who said that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "There are seven types of martyrs, other than being killed in the Cause of Allah: one who is killed in the Cause of Allah is a martyr, one who dies in a plague is a martyr, one who drowns is a martyr, one who dies of pleurisy is a martyr, one who dies of an abdominal disease is a martyr, one who dies in a fire is a martyr, one who dies under a collapsed building is a martyr, and a woman who dies during childbirth is a martyr." Al-Nawawy said that this is a Hadith Sahih (a Hadith that has been transmitted by people known for their uprightness and exactitude; free from eccentricity and blemish). 

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