



Washing a frozen corpse

The first question of Fatwa no. 12125

Q1: A Muslim man died in a hospital and his body was placed in a freezer for three days until the burial procedures were finalized. When the body was removed from the fridge, it was frozen solid. We took the body to one of the burial grounds and washed it in that condition - the body frozen solid - and it could not be bent or moved to evacuate any gases that may have been in the stomach. What is the ruling on this and what is the correct thing to do? Please advise us.

A: If the situation is as you mentioned, then the washing that was given to the dead body after taking it out of the freezer is valid and sufficient.

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

Permanent Committee for Scholarly Research and Ifta'

Member	Committee Deputy Chairman	The Chairman
‘Abdullah ibn Ghudayyan	‘Abdul-Razzaq ‘Affify	‘Abdul-‘Aziz ibn ‘Abdullah ibn Baz