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Washing the dead whose body was cut into pieces in an accident

First question of Fatwa No. 2177

Q 1: Is it permissible to wash someone who died in a very horrible accident so that most of their bones were stained with blood?

A: If it is not possible to wash such a body, Tayammum (dry ablution) may be a substitute. This is because of the generality of the saying of Allah (may He be Exalted): ﴿... So keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him as much as you can...﴾ It is also justified by the notion that Allah (may He be Exalted) ordained Tayammum to obtain Taharah (ritual purification) from both major and minor ritual impurity in case there is no water, someone can not use it, or will be harmed if they use it.

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

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