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Raising one's hands in the Funeral Prayer

Fourth question of Fatwa No. 6719

Q 4: Is it permissible to offer the Funeral Prayer without raising the hands while making the Takbirs (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest])?"

A: It is permissible to offer the Funeral Prayer without raising the hands, because the integral parts of the Funeral Prayer are to say the Takbirs, to recite Surah Al-Fatihah, to make Du`a' (supplication) for the dead, and to make Taslim (salutation of peace ending the Prayer). However, raising the hands is a Sunnah (a commendable act) with regard to all of the Takbirs.

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

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