



Returning a body to its homeland

The first and second questions of Fatwa no. 8909

Q 1: Is it permissible to return the bodies of dead Muslims to their homeland to be buried?
We have known of bodies that were returned in very poor conditions, due to the length of time it took, changes in the weather, etc.

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What is the way of the Salaf (righteous predecessors) in this regard?

A: If the situation is as you have mentioned, it is not permissible to return bodies to their homelands to be buried, unless there is a necessity for doing so, such as if the person dies in a non-Muslim land. In this case, the body should be transported to be buried in a Muslim graveyard.

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