



Fatwa no. 15875

Q: We had been renting a shop for twenty years, after which the owner of the shop came to us and suggested that we buy the shop. We agreed on a certain sum of money, and gave him half of it. However, shortly after this, the owner of the shop made an agreement to sell the shop to another man, so the buyer came to us and asked us to give up the ownership of the shop in return for him giving us a sum of money. We agreed on this sum and we received the money from him and left the shop. What is the ruling on the sale made by the shop owner after he had agreed with us?

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And what is the ruling on the sum of money that we took from the buyer?

A: The first sale was valid. However, the second sale, after the shop owner had agreed with you was invalid, because he sold something he did not own. As for your giving up the ownership of the shop to someone else and taking money in return, there is nothing wrong with this.

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

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