

Fatwa no. 19014:

Q: I am a farmer and I received a bill from the silos for the cost of the wheat I delivered in the year 1414 A.H. This bill is due by the month of April in 1418 A.H. However, as I am in dire need of money to pay some overdue debts and my debtors are nagging and giving me a hard time, I thought of buying a car in return for my money. The value of this car is for example 100000 Riyals and its owner demands 110000 Riyals, as the increase will be in return for the deferred term, namely, April, 1418 A.H. What is the Islamic ruling in this regard?

A: If you want to sell your share of deferred money by the government in return for a car or anything else, this is impermissible, because selling the debt on the part of whoever does not

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own it is impermissible whether in return for a car or any other commodity, and as such, this kind of transaction is legally invalid.

However, buying a car or another good on credit then selling it for cash to fulfill your need, this is called Tawarruq sale (selling by installments, then the purchaser selling the product to a third party for cash) and it is a permissible transaction provided that the purchaser does not sell it to the creditor from whom he bought it in the first time.

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