



Fatwa no. 10688

Q: Among our relatives, there is a man and his wife who work in a hairdressing salon. The wife stopped working but the man continues to work as a hairdresser for women. They often invite us to go there for lunch or dinner, then we go and eat their food. Is it permissible for us to eat at their house, and is his work haram (unlawful), taking into consideration that he does not know any other profession? Could you kindly advise?

A: If the work of the relatives you mentioned is as you have described, his work is Haram and so is his earning. Anyone who does such work has to search for another job, and keep away from unlawful matters. There are many means of earning living, praise be to Allah.

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﴿ And whosoever fears Allāh and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). ﴾ ﴿ And He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine. And whosoever puts his trust in Allāh, then He will suffice him. ﴾ It is better for a Muslim to protect himself by keeping away from the places of temptation, so as to protect his honor and religion. Allah (may He be Exalted) will provide him with a way out. It is not permissible for the relatives and friends who visit them to eat their food or to drink anything they offer, if they do not have any other source of income apart from this work. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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