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The first question of Fatwa No. (14782)

Q 1: The ill-gotten money of one of my brothers was mixed with my other brothers' lawful earnings. I should mention that the illegal money is but a small amount and all my brothers met all the three requirements of sincere repentance from man to his Lord.

Should they dispose of the ill-gotten money so that they may stand on firm ground? If so, how should they do this, and on what should they spend it?

A: Yes, they should dispose of it if they know the exact or approximate amount by spending it on charitable causes. However, it will not be considered a charity in itself; rather, it will merely be considered getting rid of ill-gotten money as a purification for themselves and their property. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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