



### The first question of Fatwa no. 16374

**Q 1:** A group of people are accustomed to imposing a fine on the offender who must give a number of sheep when disputes are brought to judgment. However, if it occurs that he rejects the judgment, they will ostricize him saying: 'You are no longer a member of the tribe.' Some people can not pay these sheep and are obliged to pay it on credit, according to the established traditions of the tribe. Could you kindly advise?

**A:** ﴿ Conciliation between Muslims is permissible except the conciliation that makes something lawful unlawful or makes unlawful thing lawful. ﴾

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Forcing one of the two parties to offer any sacrifice or anything is not permissible except if this is done willingly and of his own choice because of Allah's statement: ﴿ And eat up not one another's property unjustly (in any illegal way e.g. stealing, robbing, deceiving, etc.) ﴾ The Prophet (peace be upon him) stated: ﴿ The property of a Muslim is unlawful (to take), unless (he gives it) willingly. ﴾ May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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