



First question of Fatwa no. 19129

Q 1: Is it permissible to charge a specific sum of money to benefit from a piece of land through cultivation? Is this considered renting out?

A: It is permissible to rent agricultural land against specific sums of money for

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definite periods of time. Evidence for this is that it is narrated on the authority of Ibn `Umar: (The Jews asked the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) to allow them to dwell in Khaybar provided that they cultivate the land and give half the crops or fruits thereof to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him.) Thereupon, the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "We allow you to do so for the period we will.") (Related by Al-Bukhari, Muslim, Ahmad, and Abu Dawud). May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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