



Fatwa no. 1117:

Q: They had a shepherd who took care of sheep in return for defined fees. This shepherd had sheep that grazed along with ours. When he finished his work, he took his sheep except for three young sheep.

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He said: "Uncle, if I come in the future, I will take them. Otherwise, you can dispose of their affair." The uncle then sold these sheep before his death. His heirs want to acquit him of any responsibility before Allah. What should they do? The currency at that time was the French riyal. Moreover, they do not know the shepherd mentioned above.

A: The heirs of this man can acquit him of any responsibility through paying the value of the three sheep as charity on behalf of its owner. They should investigate in order to know the value of these sheep according to the French riyal at the time. They should pay their value in the current currency as a charity on behalf of that man. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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