



Fatwa no. 1160

Q: My maternal grandfather passed away a few years ago. He told his son that he had an Amanah (trust) for someone for almost thirty years. This Amanah is 600 silver Riyals (old coin). The person who entrusted him this Amanah promised that he would come to take his Amanah the next day. My maternal grandfather did not have any

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relation with the person who gave him this Amanah, and he did not even know his name. This person did not come back to take his Amanah. After the passage of fifteen years, my grandfather needed this Amanah, therefore, he converted the Arabic silver Riyals to Saudi riyals which he spent on himself. Until now we did not do anything concerning this Amanah and we hope that you will advise us in order to repay this Amanah for the deceased.

A: If the case is as you have mentioned; that your grandfather died while holding the Amanah of that person, his heirs must pay 600 silver Saudi Riyals to the judge of the official court. In addition, you should inform him of the details, i.e. the number and the date of depositing them as well as other descriptions of the Amanah which your grandfather told his son about. The court may keep it for its owner if it is possible, otherwise it will be disposed of for public interests such as giving charity to the poor, maintaining Masjids (mosques) and the like. By doing this, you will free your grandfather from any liability. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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