



Fatwa no. 2123

Q: Is it permissible to stand in honor of a national anthem or flag?

A: It is not permissible for a Muslim to stand in honor of a national anthem or flag; this is a repudiated Bid`ah (rejected innovation in religion) as it did not happen during the time of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) or that of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs (may Allah be pleased with them). It also runs counter to the obligatory pure Tawhid (monotheism) and to the sincerity of dedicating all glorification to Allah Alone. It is a means that can lead to Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) and resembles the hateful customs of the Kufar (disbelievers) and imitates their glorification of their leaders and their rituals. The Prophet (peace be upon him) prohibited acting like and imitating the disbelievers.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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