



Fatwa No. (6894):

Q: What is the religious ruling concerning those who work for the Egyptian Army as a source of their sustenance where the military rules and regulations force them to salute one another as the non-Muslims do or in a manner unlike that ordered by Allah and His Prophet. Also, they have to salute the state flag and submit to the Military laws instead of the Shari`ah.

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A: It is not permissible to salute the flag. Rather, you should abide by the Islamic Shari`ah and resort to it for judgment. It is not permissible for a Muslim to salute the leaders and the presidents like the non-Muslims do due to the reports prohibiting us imitating them. Moreover, this is a kind of extreme glorification to them.

May Allah grant us success. Peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions.

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