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Q: My father, when he was alive, instructed me to give in Sadaqah (voluntary charity) as much as I can on the eve of the 15th of Sha'ban every year. I carried out his will up until now, but some people reproach me for this act. Is this Sadaqah given on the eve of 15th of Sha'ban permissible according to my father's will or not? Please enlighten us, may Allah reward you!

A: Specifying this Sadaqah for the 15th of Sha'ban every year is an impermissible act of Bid'ah (innovation in religion), even if this is the will of your father. You have to fulfill this Sadaqah, but without restricting it to 15th of Sha'ban; rather, you may give this Sadaqah annually during any month and it is preferably Ramadan.

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

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