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Seventh question of Fatwa no. (2775) :

Q7: An Imam (one who leads congregational Prayer) wears amulets on which Qur'an is written and makes similar ones for others. However, he leads people in Salah (Prayer). Is it lawful to pray behind him or not?

A7: Wearing Qur`anic amulets is Haram (prohibited) according to the strongest of the two opinions of scholars. If amulets contain other than the Quran, it is even more detestable. The ruling on this differs according to the intention of the person; it may be Shirk Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allah) if one thinks that they are more effective than Allah; it may be Shirk Asghar (minor form of associating others in worship with Allah); or it may be a less severe Bid'ah (rejected innovation in religion) or sin. In all cases, it is impermissible and you should not pray behind such persons who do so.

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

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