



**The first question of Fatwa no. 8705**

**Q 1: In my town in south Tunisia, there is a Masjid (mosque) which has a grave in one of its corners. This grave is in a separate room where Salah (prayer) is not performed. Some families visit this grave on Thursday nights**

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**bringing food with them to be given as charity within the Masjid. Is this act permissible? What is the ruling on performing Salah in this Masjid? I need a definitive answer to this important question.**

**A: Firstly:** It is not permissible to perform Salah in any Masjid that has a grave. This is because the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) forbade it and cursed those who take the graves as places of `Ibadah (worship).

**Secondly:** It is not permissible to take a Masjid, in which there is a grave, as a place to serve food and give Sadaqah (voluntary charity). This is an act of Bid`ah (innovation in religion) and a means to seek the blessings of the grave's dweller. Giving Sadaqah with the purpose of drawing close to the grave's dweller is an act of Al-Shirk-ul-Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allah).

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

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