



**The third question of Fatwa no. 4230**

**Q: Is it permissible to intend to undertake a journey to visit the graves of prophets and righteous people**

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**as the grave of our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and others? Is this a Shar`y (Islamically lawful) visit or not?**

**A:** It is not permissible to undertake journeys to visit graves of the prophets, righteous people and others. Doing so is a Bid`ah (innovation in religion). The evidence for this is the Hadith of the Prophet (peace be upon him): [\(Do not undertake a journey except to three Masjids \(mosques\): Al-Masjid Al-Haram \(the Sacred Mosque in Makkah\), this Masjid of mine \(the Prophet's Mosque\), and Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa \(the Mosque in Jerusalem\).\)](#) The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [\(He who does any act for which there is no sanction from our behalf, it is to be rejected.\)](#) Visiting graves without undertaking journeys to visit them is a Sunnah (a commendable act). The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [\(Visit the graves for they remind you of the hereafter.\)](#) (Related by Muslim in his Sahih "authentic" Book of Hadith).

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

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