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Salaah with cigarettes in one's pocket

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What is the ruling on a person who performs Salaah while carrying cigarettes in their pockets whether forgetfully or deliberately?

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)[1]: Smoking is among the prohibited and harmful matters. It is one of the evils that Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) prohibited. Likewise, all intoxicants including all sorts of wine and khat that is known by the people of Yemen and others are all forbidden because of the grave harm they incur. Many scholars stated its prohibition.

Smoking is a great evil and causes harm. Therefore, it is not permissible to smoke cigarettes, sell or purchase them or trade in them. Allaah (Exalted be He) says in His Noble Book: [**They ask you (O Muhammad ﷺ) what is lawful for them (as food). Say: "Lawful unto you are At-Tayyibaat [all kind of Halaal (lawful-good) foods which Allaah has made lawful (meat of slaughtered eatable animals, milk products, fats, vegetables and fruits)]**]. Allaah (Exalted be He) does not permit evil things. Since tobacco is not good or useful but bad in taste, smell, and is injurious, for it may cause heart failure and other dangerous diseases such as cancer as stated by physicians, it is forbidden.

In conclusion, cigarettes are harmful and injurious. So it is not permissible to sell, purchase, or trade in them.

Offering Salaah with cigarettes are in one's pocket has no effect on the validity of Salaah for they are processed from a prohibited and abominable plant as stated above and not an impure one. So, if a person offers Salaah while cigarettes are in their pockets whether wilfully or forgetfully, their Salaah is valid but it is necessary to get rid of them and repent to Allaah from consuming them.

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[1] (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) **(rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him**