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

Questioner: Is it permissible to use a newspaper as a dining spread to eat upon it. If it is not permissible, then what should be done after reading it?

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ It is not permissible to use a newspaper which contains Qur'aanic verses, or the remembrance of Allaah, as a dining spread. Nor is it permissible to make envelopes out of such material, nor to utilise it in any other manner which is disrespectful and insulting to it. If the situation is as we have mentioned, then such papers containing Qur'aanic material should either be stored away in an appropriate place, or burnt, or buried in clean ground.

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

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