

The second question of Fatwa no. 12258

Q 2: I did not pay the rest of the dowry of my dead wife which is 1,000 Somali shilling (15 Saudi riyals). I asked a Shaykh in my country who told me that I should pay this money to her mother. Is this fatwa valid? What should I do if this fatwa is not correct?

A: The dowry of your dead wife is part of her property. You have to pay her debts if there are any first. Then you should execute her legal bequest if she made a bequest. The rest of her property should be divided among her heirs according to Shari`ah (Islamic law) rules. May Allah grant us success.

May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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