Fatwa no. 15169

Q: If a young Muslim man marries without holding a Walimah (wedding dinner), has he committed a sin or not? Is it one of the obligatory conditions to contract a marriage?

**A:** Holding a Walimah is legislated for a wedding, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said to `Abdul-Rahman ibn `Awf, "Hold a Walimah, even with one sheep."

However, refraining from holding one has no effect on the validity of a marriage contract.

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

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