

The second question of Fatwa no. 15887

Q 2: A husband wants to formally pay the deferred Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom) he agreed to pay to his wife as is stated in the marriage contract, so he will not be held accountable for it on the Day of Resurrection. What should he do? May Allah reward you with the best.

A: It is Wajib (obligatory) on a husband to pay the deferred Mahr to his wife at its appointed time, if a fixed time was set, or if his wife requests it, if no fixed time was set, unless the wife willingly waives it, as Allah (Exalted be He) says (what means):

And give to the women (whom you marry) their Mahr (obligatory bridal-money given by the husband to his wife at the time of marriage) with a good heart; but if they, of their own good pleasure, remit any part of it to you, take it, and enjoy it without fear of any harm (as Allâh has made it lawful).

Payment of the deferred Mahr does not have to be done in a formal manner; if a husband gives it to his wife in a usual way, he has fulfilled his obligation. However, if he is afraid that she may deny having received it, he can document it in a formal manner.

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

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