

Fatwa no. 6242

**Q: Is it permissible for the person to give his daughter in marriage to someone in return for 1000 Riyals as a Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom) then take this money and spend it on himself? His name is Bas-shlaq and he is from Turkey where many Muslims do this. Is the father of the daughter considered a Fasiq (someone flagrantly violating Islamic law)? Does this make him lose his guardianship for his daughter according to the view of Al-Shafi`y? If the woman's father repents to Allah; is it permissible for him to act as her guardian in other marriages or not? We would like your Eminence to explain this issue to us. May Allah be merciful to you.**

**A:** It is permissible for the father to accept 1,000 Riyals as Mahr for his daughter's marriage and it is permissible for him to take whatever he wants from her Mahr or other money, acting upon the saying of the Prophet (peace be upon him):

[You and your property belong to your father.](#)

However, it is better for him to take from it if he needs money, and he cannot be considered a Fasiq for taking all of his daughter's Mahr or lose his guardianship for his daughter according to the evidence indicating this.

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

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