

The fourth question of Fatwa no. 7579

Q 4: Is it permissible to use a woman's Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom) after fixing its amount and with the consent of her Waliy (a legally accountable person acting for a woman regarding marriage) as capital for a joint partnership with the husband who contributes with an equal amount of money? It should be noted that none of them will be favored over the other; but the profits will be equally distributed. If one of the spouses dies, should only their share in the business (i.e., the half) be included in the inheritance?

A: A woman's Mahr belongs only to her, just like the rest of her money or property. If she uses it to partner with her husband or any one else in permissible business, there is no harm in that. Furthermore, upon either of the spouses' death, their share goes to the heirs.

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

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