The first question of Fatwa no. 4683

Q 1: What is the ruling on celebrating Al-Mawlid Al-Nabawy (the Prophet's birthday)? Is it true that the Prophet (peace be upon him) attends it in person?

A: Honoring the Prophet (peace be upon him) can be achieved by believing in his message and acting according to the Law revealed by Allah through him, whereas celebrating his birthday is an act of Bid'ah (innovation in religion). It is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (Anyone who introduces anything into this matter of ours (Islam) that is not part of it will have it rejected.) It is not authentically proven that the Prophet (peace be upon him) attends anywhere after his death. The basic rule is the non-occurrence of that. Accordingly, we should abide by this fact until otherwise is proven.

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

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