



**The eleventh question of Fatwa no. 4091**

**Q 11: What is your opinion - may Allah keep you as a pillar supporting the Islamic Ummah (nation based on one creed) - on schools and factories taking holidays, or giving Khutbah (sermons), lectures, etc., as we do here in Africa on the occasion of the Mawlid (the Prophet's birthday)?**

**A:** Celebrating Mawlid and taking holidays on this occasion is a Bid'ah (innovation in religion), as neither the Prophet (peace be upon him) nor his Sahabah (Companions, may Allah be pleased with them) did this. 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.»*

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

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