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Q: We started issuing a magazine for Muslim children entitled "Arwa", a copy of which is attached to this letter. However, a reliable and trustworthy shaykh objected to the use of images in the magazine in spite of the fact that we avoided making portraits of the Prophets (peace be upon them) and the Sahabah (Companions, may Allah be pleased with them all). We send this letter asking for your Fatwa in this regard and hoping that you send us an instant reply.

A: Portraying animate beings is absolutely prohibited even if

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they are not images of the Prophets (peace be upon them) or the Sahabah (may Allah be pleased with them all). Taking these images as an element of excitement and illustration does not justify their permissibility.

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

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