

The third question of Fatwa no. 1619

Q 3: What is the ruling on putting photographs of animals or humans in a Masjid (Mosque)? Is it permissible to offer Salah in such a Masjid? Is it permissible to offer Salah (Prayer) wearing a garment decorated by human or animal photographs? Is it permissible to decorate an office or a bedroom with human or animal photographs?

A: It is not permissible to put human or animal photographs in Masjids (mosques). They should be removed from the Masjids where they are hung. As for those who offer Salah there,

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their Salah is valid as long as they do not offer it in front of a photograph, the sin falls on the one who puts it there and those who can remove it but do not do so.

In case that someone offers Salah in a garment on which there are human or animal photographs, their Salah is valid but they are committing a sin.

It is not permissible to decorate an office or a bedroom or anywhere else with human or animal photographs.

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

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