



Fatwa no. 3208

Q: I have a photocopier and I am often given ID cards, car licenses, and other documents with photographs on them to photocopy. In the light of the Hadith that prohibits the making of images, is it sinful for me to make photocopies of the photographs on IDs and similar documents, taking into account that I am being employed to make photocopies? Please inform me of the legal ruling on photocopying photographs or part of them, mentioning the relevant evidence.

A: Making images of beings with souls, such as human beings, animals, birds, and the like, is Haram (prohibited), whether the image is 3D or 2D, full-length or portrait. Likewise, copying images is also Haram, unless it is a necessity, such as for issuing a passport

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or citizenship. It is not permissible for a Muslim to make a living from making images.

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

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