

Question 1040) - What is the ruling of hiring someone for Azan and Iqamah or to teach Quran or Hajj?

A: None of these are allowed according to Imaam Abu Hanifa RAH.*

*In previous era provision was made from the public treasury for the teachers of the Quran etc. As this is no longer the case, payment can be made lest the memorising of the Quran disappears. This same applies to teachers, Muazzins and Imams of Salah.

The latter 'Ulama have given Fatwa according to al-Imam ash-Shafi'i 's permission due to the force of circumstances and the need of the Ummah. The recipients should not make this an enriching scheme, but should be content with a little.

Mawlana Rashid Ahmad Gangohi was asked about taking a fee for reciting the Quran in Tarawih. He replied, "Reciting for a fee is Haram. He may not take a fee for that. It is out of necessity that the latter 'Ulama have made an exception of Azan, Iqamah, teaching and lecturing. There is no necessity in this. Deducing from the fee of Azan is wrong." [Fatawa Rashidiyah]

Ibn 'Abidin said, "Hiring someone to read Quran and to convey the reward to the dead is incorrect. None of the Imams have given permission for it. The 'Ulama have said that the one who reads for the sake of money, receives no reward. What then is he gifting to the dead? It is pious deeds which benefit the dead. [Rasail ibn'Abidini p175]

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