

Buying and Selling Radios

Q: Prohibitions and Permissions-30: Zaid has a factory that manufactures radios. Is this permissible? Bakr buys a radio to listen to Qiraa'ah and the news. but his family listen to music. Is it permissible for Bakr to have a radio?

Answer: Although the radio had been invented to broadcast news and lectures, it is used mostly for music nowadays. However, since there are still many people who use it to listen to lectures and other permissible things. it cannot be classified as an object of futility and can therefore be bought and sold. The sin of using it for wrong will be borne by the person who uses it for sin. While it is therefore permissible to sell and to repair radios, one needs to address one's conscience as well. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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