

Bribing the Municipality to reduce taxes

Q: Prohibitions and Permissions-25: We run a textile business and are required to pay a tax of 1 ? Rupees for every 100 Rupees worth of cloth we Import. There are however many merchants who bribe municipality officials in order to pay less taxes. Is this permissible?

Answer: It is not at all a healthy practice to get the police and officials accustomed to receiving bribes. It is therefore best to pay the taxes in full. especially since you run the risk of getting arrested for tax evasion. This will then cause you tremendous humiliation and causing oneself humiliation is not permitted by the Shari'ah. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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