

Letting Off Fireworks On The Occasion Of A Wedding And Shab-E-Barat

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Question

What do Islamic scholars state about the following issue? What does Shariah say about letting off fireworks on the occasion of a wedding, on Shab-e-Bara'at (the Night of Salvation) and on other occasions, especially at night-time when people are asleep and their sleep is disturbed due to the fireworks? Moreover, what do you state about attending the programs of fireworks?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اللَّهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

The firework display which is performed on Shab-e-Bara'at (the Night of Salvation), on the occasion of a wedding and on other occasions is impermissible and Haram because it is a waste of money and when fireworks are let off in the night, it is the act of causing Muslims pain besides wasting money because the sleep of Muslims is disturbed and causing a Muslim pain without a Shariah-justified reason is also Haram. Similarly, attending the programs of fireworks is also impermissible and Haram because when the act of performing something is Haram, watching it and enjoying it are also Haram.

About fireworks Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has said, 'The firework displays set off on the occasions of weddings and on Shab-e-Bara'at (the Night of Salvation) are undoubtedly Haram and a complete offense as it is a waste of money. In the Holy Quran, such people have been called the brothers of Satan.

لَا تُبَدِّرْ تَبَدِيرًا إِنَّ الْمُبَدِّرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيْطَانِ وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِرَبِّهِ كَفُورًا

Allah Almighty has said, 'Do not spend wastefully. Those who spend wastefully are indeed the brothers of the devils, and the Devil is extremely ungrateful to his Lord.'

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said,

"ان الله تعالى كره لكم ثلاثا قيل وقال واضاعة المال وكثرة السؤال- " رواه البخارى عن المغيرة بن شعبة رضی الله عنه

'Undoubtedly, Allah Almighty has disliked three acts for you: (1) talking uselessly (2) wasting money (3) begging a lot. Imam Bukhari has narrated it from Sayyiduna Mugheerah bin Shoba.

In "Maa Sabat Bis Sunnah", Sheikh Muhaqqiq Maulana Abdul Haq Muhaddis Dehlwi has stated,

'من البدع الشنيعة ما تعارف الناس في اكثر بلاد الهند من اجتماعهم للهو واللعب واحراق الكبريت'

'Amongst the bad innovations are the deeds which have been introduced and which are performed in most of the cities of India, such as playing with fire and gathering to perform

such games, burning sulphur, etc. (Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 23, p. 279, Raza Foundation, Lahore)

Letting off fireworks at night-time surely causes Muslims pain and causing a Muslim pain without a Shariah-justified reason is also Haram. It is stated in a blessed Hadith:

من أذى مسلماً، فقد أذاني، ومن أذاني، فقد أذى الله:

‘Whoever causes a Muslim pain causes me pain and the one who causes me pain displeases Allah.’ (Al-Mu’jam Al-Awsat, vol. 4, p. 60, Dar-ul-Harmin, Cairo)

Watching the show in which Haram actions are being carried out is also Haram. It is stated in “Durr-e-Mukhtar” and then “Radd ul Muhtar”:

كره كل لهو... والاطلاق شامل لنفس الفعل واستماعه

(durr-e-Mukhtar M’a Radd-ul-Muhtar, vol. 9, p. 651, Published in Peshawar)

It is stated in “Hashiya al-Tahtawi”:

الفرجة على المحرم حرام

(Hashiyat-ul-Tahtawi Ali Aldar, vol. 1, p. 31, Published in Quetta)

Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has said, ‘The actions which are carried out by a conjurer, juggler and acrobat are Haram and to watch its show is also Haram, as arranging a show from Haram is also Haram.’ (Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 21, p. 159, Raza foundation, Lahore)

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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