

# THE LEGAL RULING PERTAINING TO FIREWORKS

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## Fatwa I | Fireworks as a means of amusement

“The usage of fireworks as is commonplace in weddings and on the eve of 15<sup>th</sup> Sha‘bān is verily *ḥarām* [impermissible] and outright disobedience, representing but wastage of one’s means. The noble Qur‘ān describes such people as the brethren of *shayṭān*. Thus, Allāh رحمته الله states –

﴿وَلَا تُبْذِرْ تَبْذِيرًا ۚ إِنَّ الْمُبْذِرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيْطَانِ ط

وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِرَبِّهِ كَفُورًا ۝﴾

﴿‘... and squander not wantonly. Verily, the squanderers are brethren of shayṭān, and shayṭān was immensely ungrateful to his Lord.’﴾

[Qur‘ān; Sūrah al ‘Isrā‘; Verse 26/7]

The Messenger of Allāh رحمته الله states –

ان الله تعالى كره لكم ثلثا قيل وقال و اضاعة المال و كثرة السؤال

(رواه البخاري عن المغيرة بن شعبة رضي الله تعالى عنه)

‘Verily Allāh رحمته الله detests for you (to perform) three (deeds) – to speak pointlessly, to squander wealth and to beg excessively. [Narrated by al Bukhārī from al Mughayrat bin Shu‘bah رحمته الله.]’

[Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī; Kitāb uz-Zakāh]

Shaykh ‘Abd ul Ḥaq Muḥaddith Dihlwi states in Mā Ṭhabat bis-Sunnah –

من البدع الشنيعة ما تعارف في أكثر بلاد الهند من إجتماعهم للهو و اللعب با لنار و احراق الكبريت

‘From among the reprehensible innovations to be found in the majority of Indian cities in their gatherings is entertainment and amusement by means of fire and the burning of sulphur.’

[Mā Ṭhabat bis-Sunnah; P282]”

[Fatāwā Riḍāwiyyah; V23; P279]

## Fatwa II | *Permissible usage of fireworks*

“(The usage of fireworks) is *mamnū* [prohibited] and a sin, except in those specific situations free from all elements of amusement, entertainment and the wanton squandering (of wealth) – for example (when used) to signal the sighting of the crescent moon, or when stranded in the jungle, or even in the city when faced with a dangerous animal, or to scatter the animals and birds, (to prevent them) from ruining the crops in the fields or trees. Because every matter is relevant to its intent, and thus the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said –

إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ وَ إِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ أَمْرٍ مَا نَوَى

‘Verily actions are (according) to (their) intentions, and verily everyone shall receive what they intended.’”

[Fatāwā Riḍawīyyah; V23; P290]