



Fatwa no. 12240

Q: I would like to ask Your Honor about a Fatwa that has been circulated among people who say that a religious scholar said that a person who earns money from producing and selling alcohol and from drug trafficking then repents to Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted), the money earned from producing and selling alcohol and from drug trafficking will become lawful. Since many students of religious knowledge ask about this Fatwa, we would like Your Honor to advise us about it.

A: If the person when earning the unlawful money knew that it was unlawful, this money would not become lawful for him after repentance. In fact, he must get rid of this money by spending it on charitable activities and good works. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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