



Third question from Fatwa No. 2961

Q 3: What is the ruling on hanging pictures on the walls of houses?

A: Photographing animate beings and hanging their pictures on the walls is prohibited. This has been confirmed by the Sahih Hadith (a Hadith that has been transmitted by people known for their uprightness and exactitude; free from eccentricity and blemish). The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [\(The people who will be the most severely punished before Allah on the Day of Resurrection will be the image makers \)](#) Related by Bukhari and Muslim. He (peace be upon him) said to `Aly (may Allah be pleased with him), [\("Do not leave an image without obliterating it, or a raised grave without leveling it." \)](#) Related by Muslim.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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