

# Islam Question & Answer

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## 1120 - Is it permissible to deal with ribaa in a ribaa-based society?

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### the question

Is it permissible for the Muslim to deal with ribaa in a society that is based on ribaa?

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

It is not permissible for him to deal with ribaa, even if the society is based on ribaa, because of the general applicability of the texts which forbid ribaa. He has to change this evil action as much as he can, if he cannot move away from that society in order to distance himself from this evil, lest the punishment that befalls them befalls him too.

And Allaah is the Source of strength. May Allaah bless our Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions, and grant them peace.