

Islam Question & Answer

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21794 - Study courses are not to be paid for from zakaah funds

the question

Some trustworthy Islamic institutions hold Islamic courses in Europe, in areas where there is the greatest need for Islamic education and for teaching of Islamic knowledge and sound belief ('aqeedah). These foundations are requesting support for these da'wah programs. Is this support included in the aayah, "...and for Allaah's Cause..." [al-Tawbah 9:60 - interpretation of the meaning]?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

The courses mentioned and similar courses are not included in the phrase "... and for Allaah's cause...", among the types of people who are entitled to receive zakaah, because what is meant by this phrase is the mujaahideen who strive for the sake of Allaah. But if there is anyone among the teachers or students who is poor, he may be given zakaah money because of his poverty, because Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"As-Sadaqaat (here it means Zakaah) are only for the Fuqaraa' (poor), and Al-Masaakeen (the poor)..."[al-Tawbah 9:60]