

Islam Question & Answer

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22271 - Washing one who died in an accident and whose body has been cut

the question

If a person was in a car and died, and his death was very painful, such that most of his bones are stained with blood, is it permissible for us to wash him or not?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If it is not possible to wash him, then tayammum (“dry ablution”) may be done for him, because of the general meaning of the aayah (interpretation of the meaning):

“So keep your duty to Allaah and fear Him as much as you can”

[al-Taghaabun 64:16]

and because Allaah has prescribed tayammum for purification from both major and minor impurity in cases where water is not available, or where it is not possible to use it, or where using it will cause harm.

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