

Islam Question & Answer

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2834 - Working as a systems engineer in a riba-based bank

the question

Assalam Allaikum,

My husband to be is getting a job in the computer department of a bank in XXXXX as a System engineer. I wanted to know will it be alright to accept this job. I'm very upset if this will be a 'Halal' earning or not. Please do reply me.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

If the bank you mention is based on riba (interest, usury), then it is not permitted to work in it, because of the hadeeth narrated by Jaabir, who said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) cursed the one who consumes riba, the one who gives it, the one who writes it down and the ones who witness it. He said: They are all the same.

(Reported by Muslim in his Saheeh, 2995). We ask Allaah to compensate you with something better.