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Question: Is it permissible to travel from one place to another to commemorate the birthdays of pious people?

Answer: it is not permissible to hold a celebration to commemorate the birthday of the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ or any other person, and certainly not to travel to attend such a commemoration.

His Eminence, Shaykh ‘Abdul-‘Azeez ibn ‘Abdullah ibn Baaz has written in detail on this subject, stating that such an act is Bid‘ah (innovation in religion) and was not done by the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), his Sahaabah (Companions, (رضي الله عنهم)²), or any other scholars of the earliest and best three generations of Islam. Indeed, all goodness lies in following and imitating them.

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

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رضي الله عنهم) (rad iyallahu ‘anhum) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them

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