

Buying seized goods by auction

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is it permissible to buy the goods that the court seizes and sells by auction?

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

If what the court seizes is the equipment of the companies that go bankrupt or which are indebted, and it aims behind this to pay the debts the indebted people owe to the debtors; in this case, it seems permissible to buy the goods, as this is done to keep the rights and do justice.

As for the people's goods and merchandises that the customs seize, because they cannot pay the imposed taxes, or that the merchandises are prohibited by the authorities under the pretext of [protecting] the interests of the country and people, though allowed by the Sharee'ah; in this case, it seems that it is not permissible to buy these goods unless their owner agree that or are paid for them.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allah عزَّ وجلَّ. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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