



Fourth question from Fatwa No. 2358:

Q 4: Is photographing or video filming permissible? Is it permissible to watch television, especially for the news?

A: It is not permissible to take photographs of creatures with souls using cameras or other means of photographing machines, or to keep pictures of animate beings, except for necessity, such as photographs used in identification documents or passports.

As far as television sets are concerned, the ruling does not relate to the machine itself as much as it relates to the purposes for which it is used. If it is used in Haram, such as showing erotic songs

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and nude scenes, distorting facts, promoting sensuality and the like, then it is Haram. On the other hand, if it is used to promote goodness, such as showing reciters of the Qur'an, clarifying the truth, propagating virtues and preventing vices, and the like, then it is permissible. It should be taken into consideration that if television is used for both purposes, or mostly used for illegal purposes, then it is emphatically Haram.

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

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