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The second question of Fatwa No. (7699)

Q 2: When the government here grants anyone a taxi license, they have him take an oath by Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted) that he will not give, or lease this number to someone else, that it is for his personal use, and to return the number to traffic authorities when he is no longer in need of it. However, some people lease the number, i.e. they give the taxi number to another person in return for a certain amount of money due at the end of the year. Actually, they lease the number only because they know that the one for whom the number is leased is in dire need of it having no other means of making a living. Is it permissible to do so in spite of the oath one takes not to do so? Please, respond.

A: It is absolutely impermissible to lease such a number. Moreover, one who leases it is sinful for breaching the commitment imposed on him rightfully by authorities. Thus, he has to make the Kaffarah (expiation) for breaching the oath and has to repent to Allah seeking His forgiveness for what he committed. He also must be bound by his oath to authorities. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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