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Abiding by established office hours even when no work is to be done

First question of Fatwa no 11093

Q 1: O Eminent shaykh! We are four employees who work at a post office in a small town. Our office hours are between half past seven in the morning and two in the afternoon. Nevertheless, the amount of work which is normally assigned to us is done in half an hour at most. My question is: We, the employees, agreed to rotate so that each one of us works for only one day. It may be important to mention that one employee is more than sufficient to finish the work of a whole day. Thus, is there any fault in us doing so? May Allah reward you with the best.

A: You should all attend your work every day and adhere to the established office hours. The plea that there is no work to be done does not mean it is Halal (lawful) to not go to work. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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