

Boycotting Products Manufactured by Non-Muslims¹

Question: There is a drink called “Cola” that is supposedly produced by a Jewish company. So what is the ruling of consuming this drink, or of selling it? Is this considered cooperating in something that is sin and transgression?

Answer: You have never heard that the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to buy food from a Jewish man to feed his family?! He died while his shield was pawned to this Jewish man.² You have never heard that the messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to accept gifts from the Jews?!³ If we are going to go so far as to say this, then let us not overlook something even more obvious: we use automobiles that are manufactured by Jewish companies. There are other beneficial products made only by them...⁴

1 This fatwā was taken from a book called “Al-Fatāwā Ash-Shar’iyyah fī Al-Qadhāyā Al-‘Asriyyah,” a collection of various rulings by Muhammad Ibn Fahd Al-Husayn.

2 This is mentioned in the hadīth recorded by Al-Bukhārī (no. 2068) and Muslim (no. 4090).

3 This is mentioned in the hadīth recorded by Al-Bukhārī (no. 5777).

4 Taken from: Al-Bāb al-Maftūh (no. 61-70, pg. 95).