

26154 - Imaam with a beautiful voice that motivates the worshippers

the question

We are in charge of a large number of students in their residences, and we have devised a special program for them to raise their Islamic awareness. This includes inviting one of the imams of the mosques in the city who is known for his beautiful voice, to lead them in Fajr prayer, hoping that this will motivate them with the Qur'aan. Please note that the regular imam of the mosque has agreed to this. What is the shar'i ruling on this?

Detailed answer

What I think is that there is nothing wrong with that, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) listened to the recitation of Abu Moosa al-Ash'ari (may Allaah be pleased with him) and liked it, and said to him, "You have been given a beautiful voice like that of Dawood." He [Abu Moosa] asked, "Were you listening to that, O Messenger of Allaah?" He said, "Yes." He said, "If I had known that you were listening I would have tried to make it more beautiful for you." (Muslim, Salaat al-Musaafireen, 793).

So if this imam has a beautiful voice and recites well, and that will motivate these students, then there is nothing wrong with that, especially since the regular imam has given permission for that. The regular imam is to be thanked for giving his permission as that serves an interest.