

3480 - Announcing a death in the mosque

the question

What is the ruling on the imaam of the mosque giving an announcement every time someone in the neighbourhood passes away, by saying after the prayer, “So and so has died, and the prayer for him will be in such and such a place”?

Detailed answer

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-‘Uthaymeen, who responded as follows, may Allaah preserve him:

“I do not agree with this. It was not the custom of the salaf to announce the death of someone so that the people could pray over him, except in the case of a person of high standing in the society, such as a rich man who gave to benefit people or a scholar, as the people would be interested in knowing about this news.”

And Allaah knows best.