

'Abd al-'Azīz Ar-Rājihī on Suicidal Acts of "Martyrdom"

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**Question:** Many people talk about acts of "martyrdom" that are carried out in Palestine and other places. So what is the ruling of actions like these?

**Answer:** Regarding such actions, I heard the honorable Shaykh Abd al-'Azīz Ibn Bāz, may Allāh have mercy on him, pass a religious verdict that they are considered nothing but suicide and that it's forbidden for a person to strap explosives to himself and then detonate them because this is suicide combined with murder.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> This fatwā was taken from a book called "al-Fatāwā al-Shar'iyyah fī al-Qadhāyā Al-'Asriyyah," a collection of various rulings by Muhammad Ibn Fahd al-Ḥusayn.

<sup>3</sup> Taken from his explanation of al-Ibānah al-Sughrá by Ibn Baṭṭah.