

Political Demonstrations & Protests¹

Question: Is staging political demonstrations a legitimate way to correct and resolve the problems of the Islamic nation?

Answer: Our religion is not one of chaos and anarchy. Our religion is one of discipline and order, calmness and serenity. Staging political demonstrations was never originally from the actions of Muslims as they never knew of such things before. Islam is a religion of calmness and mercy and discipline. Chaos, disorganization, and the inciting of tribulations are not from Islam. This is Islam, and the rights of all people are fulfilled and earned by seeking them in the manner Islam has legislated. Demonstrations mostly result in bloodshed and the destruction of property and wealth. Such things are not permissible.²

¹ This Fatwá was taken from a book called "al-Fatāwá al-Shar'iyyah fī al-Qadhāyā al-'Asriyyah," a collection of various rulings by Muḥammad Ibn Fahd al-Ḥuṣayn.

² Taken from the cassette: Fatāwá al-'Ulamā' fī Ḥukm al-Tafjīrāt wa al-Muzāharāt wa al-Ightiyālāt.