12045 - He died after completing the marriage contract. Should the rest of the mahr be counted as a debt that he owes?

the question

He completed the marriage contract with her, then he died. He had already given her a part of the mahr, and he has other debts besides the mahr. What should the heirs do with regard to the remaining part of the mahr?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

We put his question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen, may Allaah preserve him, who answered as follows:

The remaining part of the mahr should be included with the other debts, and whatever was given to her (the bride) previously belongs to her. And Allaah knows best.