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83227 - Investing in Bank al-Bilaad funds

the question

What is the ruling on investing in the following Bank al-Bilaad investment funds: muraabih, sayf and asaayil?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Firstly:

We have already discussed the ruling on signing up with Bank al-Bilaad, in the answer to question no. 46588.

Secondly:

From examining the funds system on the official website of the bank mentioned, the following becomes clear:

1-The muraabih fund is based on investing deposited funds in commercial muraabahah operations which include buying different kinds of products – apart from gold and silver – then selling them for a higher price than the purchase price so as to earn a profit, in accordance with the rulings of Islamic sharee'ah.

2-The asaayil fund is based on investing money in stocks in Saudi companies, in accordance with the rulings of Islamic sharee'ah.

3-The sayf fund is based on investing money in selected Kuwaiti stocks in accordance with the shar'i guidelines.

Dr. Yoosuf al-Shubayli, a member of the bank's watchdog committee, has stated that the asaayil and sayf funds which have to do with stocks do not involve investing money in companies that

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lend or give riba (interest), and that the muraabih funds has to do with trading in permissible merchandise on the basis of purchase with payment at a later date.

End quote from the website of Dr. al-Shubayli.

If the matter is as described, there is nothing wrong with investing in these funds.

And Allaah knows best.