27008 - The Jews have detained their husbands – how should they pay Zakaat al-Fitr?

the question

In our land the Israeli forces have surrounded Khan Younis and cut off the roads, and the wives have no news of their husbands. How should they pay zakat al-fitr?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Zakat al-fitr is obligatory upon the head of the household, who is the one who is in charge of the money. He has to pay zakah on behalf of himself and of his dependents – wives, children and others.

If he is unable to pay this zakah, then Allah will excuse him, and he has to make it up after Allah makes things easy for him and he returns to his family.

With regard to the wives, if they are able to pay Zakat al-fitr on behalf of themselves, then they must hasten to do so. If they are unable to do that then they do not have to do anything, because Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“So keep your duty to Allah and fear Him as much as you can”[al-Taghaabun 64:16]

“Allah burdens not a person beyond his scope”[al-Baqarah 2:286]

If a woman pays Zakat al-fitr on behalf of herself and her children, then she will be rewarded; if she can only afford to pay on behalf of herself, then that is all she has to do.

If a woman is able to speak to her husband by phone and receive permission from him to give Zakat al-fitr, and there is enough food in the house to give this zakah on behalf of her husband

and his dependents, then she should give Zakat al-fitr on their behalf, after taking permission from her husband.

We ask Allah to relieve this distress and to bring these husbands back safe and sound, and to grant victory to Islam and the Muslims and defeat the kaafir Jews.

May Allah send blessings upon our Prophet Muhammad.