
Shaykh 'Uthaymeen and the fax machine

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

“Shaykh Badr ibn Naadir al-Mashaari mentions the following, ‘The Shaykh (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ phoned one of the Shaykhs who worked in the courts [as a judge] so that he could send a personal letter to him which had no connection to the courts but was for him personally, so the judge told Shaikh 'Uthaymeen that there was a fax machine next to him to which he could send the letter. So Shaykh 'Uthaymeen asked him, ‘Isn't that the court's fax machine.’ ‘Yes,’ replied the judge. Shaykh 'Uthaymeen said, ‘How can I send a personal letter at the cost [of the bait al-maal] of the Muslims? Go and buy a fax machine so I can send you this letter,’ and so he did and the Shaykh then sent the letter.’”²

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² Al-Jaami' li-Hayaatil-'Allamah Muhammad Ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen, p. 24.