

## **Kindness and leniency in buying and selling**

Both the purchaser and the seller should deal together politely. The purchaser should not force the seller to give him the goods for a very cheap price which may harm him, also the seller should not ask for a very high price that may harm the purchaser. Both of them should not exploit the other in a bad way. Jabir Ibn 'Abdullah  $\tau$  said that the Prophet  $\rho$  said: "May Allah's mercy be on him who is lenient in his buying, selling, and in demanding back his money."<sup>1</sup> The same applies when he asks for his rights back, it is Sunnah to be lenient and tolerant as the Prophet  $\rho$  said, "and in demanding back his money." Ibn Hajar (may Allah have mercy upon him) said, "and in demanding back his money," namely he demanded his money back with easiness and leniency. In another narration reported by Ibn at-Teen it is mentioned, "if he repays," namely, he pays the due money. Abu Hurairah  $\tau$  narrated that the Prophet  $\rho$  said: "Verily! Allah loves the one who is lenient in his buying, selling and in demanding back his money."<sup>2</sup> An-Nasa'i reports an elevated hadith through 'Uthman  $\tau$ , "Allah has forgiven a man who was before you. He was tolerant when selling, tolerant when purchasing and tolerant when repaying."<sup>3</sup> All of these ahadith urge us to deal with etiquette and leniency during the transaction of buying and selling, leave hassle, hatred, and pardon people.<sup>4</sup>