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## Prisoners in solitary confinement performing dry-ablution [Tayammum]

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**Questioner:** Some prisoners, O Shaykh of ours, are put in special cells, ya'nee, due to their particular circumstances, and these cells are about a metre and a half by a metre and a half. They're not allowed to leave them at all, ya'nee, they stay in them because they are under suspicion or are dangerous from a political standpoint or other such things, so they eat, drink and urinate—may Allaah honour you—in them, sometimes they are given water [but] only a very little so they can't perform ablution [wudoo]. So should they perform dry-ablution [tayammum] using the wall, for example, as some people do?

**Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ):**<sup>1</sup> Definitely, he must do that since he can't perform wudoo.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 420.