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Is using the loudspeaker in the Masjid a bida?

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: May Allaah give you good. The questioner says: There is someone who prays with us in the Masjid, located in the market area, and he claims that praying using the loudspeaker is bida, and he says that he has heard this ruling.

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: This statement is bida. The loudspeaker is from the blessings of Allaah because it broadcasts (transmits) the voice of the Imaam and it transmits the recitation, thus it contains benefit. Therefore it is not a bida. It is from the things that Allaah (سبحانه)² has permitted.

^{1 (}حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) The Exalted