



Anjuman-e-Jamali (Miami), Inc.

A nonprofit Corporation administering & managing the affairs of the Dawoodi Bohra Jamaat of Miami

March 13, 2016

Afzalus Salaam,

At an extra-ordinary meeting of Anjuman-e-Jamali (Miami) held on the 13th of March 2016, at 221 NW 156 Lane Pembroke Pines FL 33028, a resolution was passed in relation to *khafd* (also recognised by some as *khatna* or female circumcision). Subsequent to that resolution, you are hereby informed that:

1. It is a well-known *hadith* of the Prophet, Mohammed Rasulullah^{SAW} that "*Hubbul watan minal imaan*", which means "love for the land of abode is part of faith." The Duat Mutlaqeen^{RA} have therefore taught us to remain loyal to the country of abode and to be law abiding and contributory citizens. Today, the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq, Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin^{TUS} continues to exhort us to employ the same principles.
2. *Khafd* has recently been interpreted by a court in New South Wales, Australia (NSW) to be within the meaning of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) as defined in their Crimes Act, and it is now illegal in NSW.
3. It is therefore likely that *khafd* could also be interpreted in our courts to fall within the meaning of FGM in Florida Statutes Section 794.08, and United States Code, Title 18, Ch. 7, Section 116. Consequently, *khafd* should be considered illegal in Florida and generally in the United States.
4. All parents and guardians are hereby directed in the strictest terms not to carry out *khafd* under any circumstances.
5. You are further instructed not to take any person outside of the United States to carry out *khafd*.
6. Parents and guardians are hereby advised, should you engage in this practice, you will be doing so against specific warning of Anjuman-e-Jamali (Miami), and the consequences of doing so will be solely yours.

Wassalaam,

Abde Syedna tus

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