

# Anjuman-e-Burhani (Sydney)

A Trust Administering & Managing the affairs of the Dawoodi Bohra Jamaat of Australia

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Afzalus Salaam,

Subsequent to a meeting of Anjuman-e-Burhani (Sydney) held on 8th February 2016, at Darul Imarat Office, 2 Argyle Street, Auburn, you are hereby being informed that:

1. It is a well-known hadith of the Prophet, Mohammed Rasulallah (SAW) that "Hubbul watan minal imaan", which means "love for the land of abode is part of faith". The Hudaat Kiraam (AS) have therefore taught us and made it our tradition to remain loyal to the country of abode and to be law abiding and contributory citizens.
2. Khafd (also known as khatna and female circumcision) has recently been interpreted by the Supreme Court of NSW to be within the meaning of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) as defined in section 45 of the Crimes Act of NSW. It is likely that the practice will be interpreted to fall within the specific laws in relation to FGM in other states or territories of the Commonwealth of Australia. Consequently, khafd is illegal, whether it is carried out within any of the states of Australia or overseas.
3. All parents and guardians are hereby directed in the strictest terms not to carry out khafd under any circumstances.
4. You are further instructed not to take any person out of Australia for the purpose of khafd.
5. Parents and guardians are advised that should you engage in this illegal act, you will be doing so against specific warning of Anjuman-e- Burhani (Sydney), and the consequences of breaking the law will be solely yours.

Wassalaam

Shk Onali Alibhai  
Trustee - Secretary

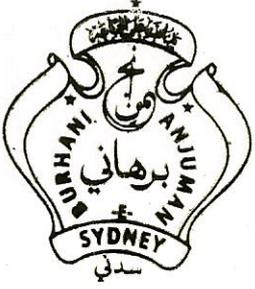
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