

# IMPERMISSIBILITY OF FGM

IN THE ISLAMIC FAITH

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MILLION

Girls and young women are at risk of FGM every year.

## REASONS FOR FGM

In Islam, various, misguided reasons are given for the continued practice of FGM including:

- MISINTERPRETATION OF RELIGIOUS TEXTS
- CONSIDERED A RITE OF PASSAGE TO PREPARE A GIRL FOR MARRIAGE.
- THE NEED TO CONTROL A WOMAN'S SEXUAL DESIRES.
- ASSOCIATION WITH CULTURAL BELIEFS OF CHASTITY AND MODESTY.

**"Allah has cursed those who curve their teeth and those elongate their hair with additions and those who change God's creations."**

**PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)**  
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## THE MUBAAH OF FGM

Although some individuals claim that FGM is *mubaah* (permissible), the practice of FGM does not meet certain requirements that are required for an act to be considered *mubaah*. Specifically, FGM conflicts with Quranic verses and authentic (*sahih*) Hadith and it poses harm to both the individual to whom it is performed upon. Additionally FGM violates an essential tenant of Islam:

### AL-ASLU FII JISMUL INSAAN AT-TAHRIM)

which is a principle in Islam that makes it unlawful to interfere with the human body in any way without explicit evidence supporting the benefit that such an act has.

## IN THE QUR'AN

**30:30**

...and there is no changing Allah's creation. And that is the proper religion but many people do not know

**2:195**

...and make not your own hands contribute to your destruction

**40:64**

"Allah is the One who made the Earth a habitat for you, and the sky as a structure, and Allah designed you, and has perfected your design."

## IN HADITH

Some Hadith exist that supporters of FGM use to justify their support for FGM. However, a number of scholars and Islamic academic institutions have stated that all of the Hadith that claim the legality of FGM are not *sahih* (authentic). Furthermore, claims that FGM is *mubaah* (permissible) cannot be justified as FGM is in direct contraction with Qur'anic verses and *sahih* Hadith which condemn any harm to the human body.

**"Ahadith stating the legality of Female Genital Mutilation / Cutting are dhaeef (weak); none of them are sahih (authentic)."**

**SHEIKH SAYYID SABIQ**