

# Anjuman-e-Burhani (Toronto)

A Trust administering & managing the affairs of the Dawoodi Bohra Jamaat of Toronto



Afzalus Salaam,

14<sup>th</sup> May 2016

At an extra-ordinary meeting of Anjuman-e-Burhani (Toronto) held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, at 8929 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 3M6 a resolution was passed in relation to *khafd* (also recognised as *khatna* or female circumcision). Subsequent to that resolution, you are hereby informed that:

1. "Hubbul watan minal imaan" is a well-known *hadith* of the Prophet, Mohammed Rasulullah<sup>SAW</sup> which means "love for the land of abode is part of faith." Duat Mutlaqeen<sup>RA</sup> have accordingly taught us to remain loyal to the country of abode and to be law abiding and contributory citizens.
2. Today, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Dai al-Mutlaq, Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin<sup>TUS</sup> continues to exhort us to the same principles, and did so in very clear terms most recently in the *zikra majlis* in Mumbai on 19 Rajab al-Asab 1437H (25 April 2016).
3. *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. As a result, *khafd* is now illegal in NSW.
4. It is likely that a similar interpretation could be adopted in the courts in Canada in respect of Canadian Criminal Code, section 268(3). Consequently and as a matter of caution, *khafd* should be considered illegal in Canada
5. All parents and guardians are hereby directed in the strictest terms not to carry out *khafd* under any circumstances.
6. You are further instructed not to take any person outside of Canada to carry out *khafd*.
7. Parents and guardians are hereby advised that should you engage in this practice, you will be doing so against specific warning of Anjuman-e-Burhani (Toronto) and the consequences of doing so will be solely yours.

Wassalaam,

Sh Hamza Najmi  
Vice President

Sh Aziz Dohadwala  
Hon Secretary

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Hon Jnt Secretary

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