

## “IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAHAABIYAT’?

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**Question: Some freak individual/group labelling herself/itself “In The Footsteps of the Sahaabiyat”, is organizing a women’s outdoor function – to sleep outside in the wilds at some mountain resort. Women are invited to participate in this outdoor event at a fee of R350. What is the Shariah’s view regarding such functions which entice women out of the homes to sleep in the bushes?**

### ANSWER

Islam’s view on this type of shameless, lewd, immoral picnicking is not a conundrum. Islam with clarity likens such vile women to adulteresses. The stunt is clearly a money-making deception. The claim that this evil night of prowling in the bushes is “in the footsteps of the Sahaabiyaat’, is palpably blasphemous. The jahaalat of these immoral women is mind-boggling. There would have been some logic if they had named the lewd function: “In The Footsteps of Prostitutes”. Cheap prostitutes sleep in the bush, not modest Mu’minaat who follow in the footsteps of the Sahaabiyyah ladies. What are the footsteps of the pious Sahaabiyyah? The Queen of Jannat, Hadhrat Faatimah (radhiyallahu anha) very vividly explained what their ‘footsteps’ were.

Once Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said to Hadhrat Ali (radhiyallahu anhu): “What is best for a woman?” All the Sahaabah present remained silent. Hadhrat Ali narrates: “When I returned home, I said to Faatimah (radhiyallahu anha): “What is best for a woman?” She responded: “She should not look at men nor should men look at her.” When Hadhrat Ali (radhiyallahu anhu) mentioned Faatimah’s response to Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam), he commented with delight: “Faatimah is a portion of me.”

It is also mentioned in the Hadith: that woman is an object of concealment. When she emerges (from her house to sleep in the bush), shaitaan waits in ambush for her. The Muslim woman and sleeping in the bush! These are two diametric opposites. The worst lie being peddled by the shaitaanah organizing this immoral event, is to mislead stupid women with the idea that Sahaabiyyah ladies used to sleep in the bush. There are many ways of coining money in a haraam way. It is most despicable to pursue monetary objectives by slandering the illustrious Sahaabiyyah ladies – using them as an advertising stunt to lure stupid women into the net of the devil by ‘convincing’ them that the holy Sahaabiyyah ladies slept in the bush, or sleeping in the bush like drunken prostitutes is to be “in the footsteps of the Sahaabiyaat”.

People who slander the illustrious personalities and commit blasphemy in such abhorrent ways will rot with cancer or some other major calamity will befall them. The Sahaabiyaat were women of the home. They observed the most rigid hijab. When necessity compelled them to emerge from their homes, their wide, shabby jilbaabs in which they were wrapped from head to foot only allowed exposure of one eye. Thus would they walk peeping through an opening in the jilbaab with one eye. If anyone emulates such conduct, then it could be correctly said that she is following in the footsteps of the Sahaabiyaat. But sleeping in the bush! It is the act of prostitute devils.

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Some Ahaadith on Purdah:

- (1) "When a woman applies perfume and passes by a gathering of men she is like this and that (i.e. like an adulteress)."
  - (2) "The gaze (at ghair mahrams) is a poisonous arrow among the arrows of iblees he who restrains it (his straying gaze) for My fear, I shall exchange it for such solid Imam, the sweetness of which he will experience in his heart."
  - (3) "A Dayyooth will not enter Jannat." The Sahaabah asked "Who is a dayyooth?" Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "A man who does not care who lie. men) visits his wife."
  - (4) "Every eye is a fornicator."
  - (5) "The zina of the hand is to touch (a ghair mahram)"
  - (6) " It is better that a steel rod be plunged into your head than you touch a woman who is not lawful for you."
  - (7) "When a man is alone with a women, the third one present is Shaitaan "
  - (8) "Beware of visiting women (who are unlawful for you.)"
  - (9) "Women should not speak with men except with a mahram."
  - (10) "It is not lawful for a woman who believes in Allah and the last Day to allow anyone entry into her husband's home except with his permission She should not go out of the house against his wishes, nor should she obey anyone in this regard."
  - (11) "Women may not emerge from their homes except when compelled to (by circumstances)"
- In a battle, a Muslim valiantly fighting for the Cause of Islam, was martyred, When Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) who was present in the battle, was informed of this particular Sahaabi's martyrdom, he want to view the slain soldier of Islam. On seeing the body of the martyred Sahaabi, Nabi-e-Kareem (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) turned away his face and looked in another direction After a while, other Sahaabah enquired of the reason for this action of Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) informed them that as he approached the martyr he saw a damsel from Jannat the martyred Sahaabi's heavenly wife, wiping the dust and sand from the face of the martyr. Thus in obedience to Islam's law of Hijaab. Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) turned his face away. This episode is an adequate illustration of the significance and importance of observing the Shariah's law of Purdah.