

### **A ZIG-ZAG BAATIL FATWA OF THE KORANGI MUFTIS**

The muftis of Mr. Taqi Usmani's Darul Uloom in Korangi, Karachi, Pakistan issued the following baatil fatwa regarding a woman travelling without a valid Shar'i Mahram:

#### **TRANSLATION**

***“Question: What, is it permissible for a Mahram person to leave at the airport a woman who will travel alone in the plane, then at her destination another Mahram will receive her?”***

**Answer (by the Korangi muftis):**

Be it clear that in general conditions (*aam haalaat*) it is not permissible for a woman to travel without her husband or a mahram even if the journey is by plane. However, if there is a dire need (*shadeed majboori*) which compels a woman to travel without a mahram, then in such a case it is permissible for her to travel with a group of pious women on condition that there is no fear of fitnah.

Since the time travelling by plane is not much, the fear of fitnah is minimized. Hence, in the case asked (in the question), if truly the need is dire, then there appears to be scope for this when a mahram leaves her at the airport, and another mahram receives her at the other airport, and furthermore, if there are pious women with her on the plane, and she does not have to pass the night at some place.”

*(End of Korangi's Zig-Zag fatwa)*

### OUR ANSWER AND COMMENT

An essential requisite for a Mufti engaged in the duty of *Ifta'* is that he should have Taqwa and be far-sighted. It is not permissible for a moron to be or to act as a mufti irrespective of the academic course of Deeni study he had pursued.

If a mufti lacks a panoptic view of the scenario of the case regarding which a fatwa is sought, then it is not permissible for him to issue a fatwa. Lack of sincerity, worldly and nafsani motives, inadequate comprehension of the kutub, and lack of panoptic vision induce a mufti to issue zig-zag fatwas. He attempts, albeit abortively, to navigate between Haqq and Baatil to produce fatwas – liberal fatwas – to assuage the questioners, and this evil has greater applicability if the questioner is wealthy or belongs to the ruling class of scorpions. Little does such a mufti *maajin* understand that in the department of *Ifta'* he is in a veritable spiritual minefield. If the Fear of Allah Ta'ala is not embedded in his heart, he will blow up and destroy his Imaan with his zig-zag and even blatantly baatil corrupt fatwas.

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*RESPONSE TO THE BAATIL FATWA  
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