



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL

27<sup>th</sup> of November 2019



### ANIC National Khutbah (Sermon)

## “Islam Denounces Violence against Women”

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) urges all Imams, Khateebis and community leaders this **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2019** in conjunction with ‘International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women’ this week to dedicate their

Friday Khutbah (*Sermon*) addressing:

### ***“Islam Denounces Violence against Women”***

#### **ANIC Recommends the Following Points to be Addressed:**

- Kind and compassionate treatment of women is so significant in Islam that in his farewell pilgrimage sermon the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “Treat women well for they are your helpers and partners.”
- Domestic violence is a growing problem in Australia, and it is a religious obligation to stand against all forms of violence in the home that targets women, children and aging parents.
- Islam came to honour women and to safeguard their personality and dignity and any form of abuse towards them is a direct abuse to the Islamic teachings and its principles.
- There's a great need for education and campaigns to highlight the problem of domestic violence globally and nationally, and at the same time, we need to work towards eradicating the problem.
- The Prophet Muhammad Peace be Upon Him was an ambassador for the women's rights and honour. He stood up for the rights of women. He openly spoke out on injustices and oppression towards women taking place in his community during his time.
- In Islam, marriage is defined as a relationship of love and mercy Allah says ***{And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquillity in them; and He placed between your affection and mercy. Indeed, in that are signs for a people who give thought}*** (Quran 30:21). However, some fail in living up to that. Domestic violence is an extreme example of that failure, and it is a major sin in Islam.
- Remembering the famous Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad Peace be Upon Him ***"The best of you is the one who is best to his wife, and I am the best of you to my wives."*** and this is part of the true character of a believer and a Muslim.
- Islam gave rights to women during a time when nobody gave her rights.

***Finally, The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) thanks All Imams, Khateebis and Community leaders for their outstanding leadership, tireless efforts, cooperation and support on this matter.***

Kind Regards,

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