

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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TEMPORARY & CONCEALED NIKAH (MARRIAGE)

Dear Muslims!

The family is the nucleus of a society and the fundamental unit of a nation. Without family, a nation does not exist. The power of the nations depends on whether the institution of family is steady. Marriage or forming a home is an inherent right and an essential need for everybody who is spiritually and physically healthy. Allah (s.w.t.) created man with this need. Our Lord who wished the human generation to continue until the doomsday has conditioned man and woman to be together as a divine law. This act of being together is the nikah or marriage, if it does not exceed the limits which Allah (s.w.t.) has set. This is the path, the tradition of the Prophets. The Prophets got married and advised their own ummah (people) to get married thereby to increase in number.

Dear Mumins!

For the execution of a nikah contract, there must not be any obstacle to marriage and any oppression between the man and the woman. Also, the contract must be fulfilled in the presence of witnesses. Relationships established out of marriage and without the nikah contract between partners and temporary togetherness is haram (forbidden) in our religion. All kinds of applications that do not cause participants to rise to the legal responsibility is far away from reflecting the sturdy family structure that Islam aimed to establish. It is known by all that this application may victimize particularly the women and may harm the chastity of the man. It should not be forgotten that the nikah should be an agreement that preserves the pedigree and generation and assures safety in the social structure.

Dear Mumins!

Concealed nikah, or in some applications called temporary nikah, has started to be spread out

particularly in the developed countries. However, this state has been causing irreparable, ethical degeneration and deviation. This point should not be forgotten: Islam ordered marriage to be established permanently and laid it down as a condition for the authenticity of the nikah contract. A new family can not be established except through a nikah that is valid in religion and legally. Temporary and concealed nikah fulfilled by asserting some excuses is not valid in our religion.

Likewise Rasulullah (s.a.w.) said: "*Announce the nikah.*"¹

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The family is a social institution that exists in all societies and is a school of emotions. The future of this sacred institution in which the human is born and grows up should never be

left to arbitrary desires and evil intentions. Its foundation should be laid properly, and all kind of self-sacrifice should be made to keep this institution continuing.

The model family that our religion has suggested is formed upon solidarity of its members and mutual love, respect, and self-sacrifice. Each man is like a separate realm. Man and woman both produce a great deal of affluence through their talents characteristic to their gender. Therefore, differences among family members should be a means to integration, not to disintegration.

I am finishing my khutba with a warning from our Prophet (s.a.w.): "*Nikah (marriage) is my Sunnah. Whoever disregards my path (sunnah) is not from among us.*"²



¹ Musnad, VI, 171.

² Ibn Majah, Nikah, 1.