



## Anjuman-e-Badri (New York)

A nonprofit Corporation administering & managing the affairs of the Dawoodi Bohra Jamaat of New York

March 13, 2016

Salaam-e-Jameel,

You are hereby informed of the following resolution passed by Anjuman-E-Badri, New York on March 13, 2016 at 131-24 Springfield Blvd, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413.

1. It is a well-known *hadith* of the Prophet, Mohammed Rasulullah<sup>SAW</sup> that "*Hubbul watan minal imaan*", which means "love for the land of abode is part of faith." This has been quoted by Duat Mutlaqeen (RA) as also the 53rd Dai-ul- Mutlaq, Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (TUS), and they have often reminded us to remain loyal to our country of abode and be law abiding and contributory citizens.
2. It is noted that the New York Penal Law, Section 130.85, and United States Code, Title 18, Ch. 7, Section 116 prohibit a wide range of procedures relating to 'female genital mutilation'. It is possible that *khafd* (also recognized by some as *khatna* or female circumcision) could also be interpreted to fall within the meaning of female genital mutilation in these laws. Consequently, *khafd* should be considered illegal in New York State and in the United States generally.
3. It is also noted that a number of the Dawoodi Bohra community in Sydney, Australia were convicted in November 2015 by the Supreme Court of New South Wales for undertaking *khafd* in Australia.
4. In consideration of the above, it is resolved to remind and instruct all parents and guardians of the following:
  - a. You must abide by state and federal law at all times;
  - b. You are strictly directed not to engage in *khafd*
  - c. You are also directed not to take any person outside of the United States for the purposes of *khafd* as that is also prohibited and punishable by law;
  - d. You are reminded of the serious consequences of breaking the laws relating to this matter.

Wassalaam,



Yusuf BS Mohammedi  
President



Juzer Rajshahiwal [Zuzer Hossain]  
Secretary