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SOLUTION TO INCREASING SEXUAL ABUSE

Holland's Minister of Social Affairs presented a report about the nature and increase of the sexual abuse of children by their fathers, grandfathers, uncles and brothers in this country. Calling it shocking and shameful, he declared that his ministry must allocate a larger budget for the struggle against such corruption.

In this report, it is stated that one out of every three women in Holland (between age 20-40) have been exposed to illicit sexual advances or raped before the age of 16. And one out of every six abused girls were abused by a father, grandfather, uncle or brother. More than half of these women have kept silent concerning this matter and prefer to pretend that nothing has happened. Over one-fourth of these women do not report this abuse and refuse to admit, even to themselves, that anything has happened in this way, they suppress their anger and endanger their mental health.

N. Drawer, professor of child psychology at the Amsterdam University, has conducted this research at the request of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. The Minister expressing his shock said that this issue must be dealt with as a contagious disease which has afflicted the Dutch people who should consider it as a great threat.

Mrs. Drawer warned that this issue must not be under-estimated. She said that this report may not be complete as it could be because not all women abused during childhood are willing to report.

This research has been conducted based on interviews with 1054 women between the ages of 20 and 40. The scope of sexual abuse in this report covers everything from illicit touching to rape. It is also stated in this research that 99% of all sexual abuse was conducted by men and mostly by fathers, brothers of the victims.

Based upon this report, majority of women sexually abused during their childhood are disappointed, fearful and depressed lacking concentration. The rate of suicide among these women is much higher than other women.

They refer more to psychologists than others. That sexual abuse of immature girls is a severe threat to the public health of Holland's society.

Recently, the court of the city of Zoowale in Holland sentenced a 49 year-old man to two and half years of imprisonment on charges of abusing sixteen children between the ages of 12-16 years. According ^{to} an expert opinion, some of these children have become psychotic and could remain that way throughout their lives.

Why do such savage incidents continue to occur in the so-called civilized societies? What is the solution?

The fact is where the Society becomes permissive under disguise of freedom of speech and action, the result is the abuse of natural laws of decency.

The solution lies in none else but HILJAB as promulgated by Islam. For it actually limits the freedom of men's sexual instincts. Women have to be protected from the blind and brutal instincts of some men,

Islamic rules of morality and modesty, though in some way restrict an individual, are made for their own benefit.

Islam wants the social relations between men and women controlled. It has prescribed for women and girls to properly cover themselves and adopt modest behaviour and dress. It does not snatch away their freedom but infact meant to protect them against abuse by blind instincts of men.

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