

Press Release

**Women's World Cup Football in Jordan:
A Historical Event or Breaking of Taboos and the Violation of Sanctities?!**
(Translated)

On Friday, 30/09/2016 the Women's World Cup football tournament for under 17's, was launched in the Jordanian capital Amman. The tournament will run until 21/10/2016; 16 teams will participate in the tournament including the Jordanian team.

Jordan's hosting of the tournament comes at a time when Jordan is witnessing a rapid escalation in destructive activities of Westernization by foreign and local institutions in order to eliminate the Islamic values and disseminate Western values in their place. Also it comes in the context of breaking taboos and the violation of sanctities, which has become the policy pursued by the Jordanian regime at all levels. One example: a few days ago it concluded the signing of the gas agreement with the Jewish entity after it openly normalized its relations with it. On another front, it changed the school curriculums under the pretext of the fight against 'extremism and terrorism' in response to Western dictates. And on a third front, it allowed the organizing of festivals and celebrations that encourage the mixing between men and women and revealing of the Awra (areas of the body that must be covered according to Islam) and the spread of vice and corruption, such as the Colours' Festival, Pajama Festival, beauty pageants and fashion shows, and now it is hosting the Women's World Cup for under 17.

Events like these aim to corrupt the concepts and pacify them in order that the Western civilization be accepted which considers women as a commodity for viewing and pleasure. They entrench the "culture of baring the Awrah" without being embarrassed in front of people and on satellite TV screens, as they also seek to promote the idea of gender equality which emanates from the capitalist ideology. Tatjana Haenni, former director of women's competitions in FIFA commented on organizing this tournament in Jordan: *"For FIFA, this is another step toward gender equality and more inclusiveness, and this is simply one project on a long road towards improving the position of women and girls in sport and society."*

O Muslims in Jordan, O Guardians of the rules of Islam:

Organizing these activities contradict Islam and our Shariah law and our ethics which are based upon sublime values, which call for virtue and protection of women from all forms of vulgarity and decadence. Islam has given high status, prestige and honour to women, and views them as an honour that must be protected, and prohibited them from Tabbaruj (showing adornments, beauty and the Awra in front of foreign men) and it imposed on women the Shari'i dress to be worn in the public life, and prohibited the gazing at the Awra, and ordered (men and women) to lower their gaze, as well as prohibiting mixing between men and women, except for a reason permitted by the Shari'.

We have seen your zeal to protect your Deen, and your rejection of all that contradicts your identity and Islamic values. The demonstrations that you carried out to protest against changing the curriculums, and the signing of the treacherous gas agreement with the Jewish entity, are the best proof of this. So do not allow activities and events aimed at Muslim women which contradict the rules of Islam to take place in your country, and stand as a bulwark in the face of all the conspiracies drawn against you and against your Islam, and be on constant alert to what is intended for your daughters and sons to corrupt and be corrupted.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْجِبَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ﴾

"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are [appointed] angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded." [At-Tahreem: 6]

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