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The Haq Sounds Like Hate To Those Who Hate The Haq
"Speak the Haq even if it is bitter" (Hadith)

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Comrades Marathon – O Muslim Participants! Make Taubah!

Muslim Women Participants At The Comrades Marathon, A Shame & A Disgrace To The Ummah!!!

(*Part 3*)

Would Hazrat Faatimah Radhiyallahu Anha Or Any Of The Wives Of Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam 'Run' The HARAAM Comrades Or 'Congratulated' You,

O Comrades Marathon Sister In Islam???

Let us analyse the Haraam comrades marathon through the spectacles of the Beautiful Deen brought to us by Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam):

Allah Ta'ala says, "O Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam)! Tell your wives, your daughters, and the believing women to draw their Jilbaabs over themselves." (Surah Ahzaab)

Quick analysis: The above Aayat instructs the believing women to cover themselves with Jilbaabs. We beg to ask, what type of clothing did the Muslim women who ran in the comrades marathon wear? Did they abide by the Qur'anic Law? Is it not a disgraceful act which they perpetrated, just a day after the Great Ibaadat of Qurbani (note: Eidul-Adha was on Saturday and the comrades took place on Sunday)? The theme and lesson of Qurbani was Taqwa, and the days of Qurbani are three. The day of the marathon coincided with the second day of Qurbani. Instead of adopting Taqwa, the Muslim women participants stripped themselves off their Qur'anic clothing and preferred to run around on the road with no shame, no signs of Taqwa and in direct contrary to the Qur'an Majeed's clear-cut Law!

Allah Ta'ala says, "And (O Women / wives of Rasulullah!) remain glued in your homes, and do not make a display of yourselves like the exhibition of Jaahiliyyah." (Surah Ahzaab, Aayat 33)

Compare the above Aayat to the manner in which Muslim sisters had run out of their homes, to run on the roads, amidst men, the media and the world.

LET US ANALYSE THIS FURTHER IN THE LIGHT OF THE AHAADITH:

- 1. "Woman is *Aurah* (i.e. an object of concealment). When she emerges (from her home) Shaitaan casts surreptitious glances at her (to ambush her and use her for spreading Fitnah)." (Tirmizi)
- 2. "A woman is closest to her Rabb when she is in the depth of her house." (Tirmizi)
- 3. "The likeness of a woman who is in adornment in a place other than her husband's (or father's, in the case of a daughter) is that of the darkness which will prevail on the Day of Qiyaamah. There is no Noor for her". (Mishkaat)
- 4. Hazrat Aisha (Radhiyallahu anha) said, "During the occasion of Hajjatul Wida when people (i.e. men) passed near to us, we (the ladies) would draw the Jilbaab over the head and the face. When they (the people) departed from us, we would open our faces". (Abu Dawood)
 - Compare this action of Hazrat Aisha (Radhiyallahu anha) to that of a Muslim sister running around on the roads under the banner of a comrades marathon, sponsored by a liquor company... On the other hand, during the Ibaadat of the Fifth Pillar of Islam, i.e. Hajj, Hazrat Aisha (Radhiyallahu anha)'s observance of Hijaab is of such a high level that strange men shouldn't even see her face. Then what can be said about a sinful marathon which has a liquor company as one of its sponsors, wherein Muslim women participants ran in full view of every Tom, Dick and Harry?
- 5. Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said, "There are three (types of people) at whom Allah Azza Wa Jall will not look (with Mercy) on the Day of Qiyaamah. The one who disobeys his parents, the woman who imitates men in her outward appearance and the cuckold (Dayyooth)." (Nasaai)
 - A cuckold is a husband who doesn't care who speaks or looks at his wife. What to say about a husband who allowed his wife to run around among men? This is a severe warning to menfolk who allowed their wives, sisters and daughters to participate in the comrades marathon.
- 6. Hazrat Ali (Radhiyallahu anhu) reports that once Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) asked the Sahabah (Radhiyallahu anhum): 'What is the best thing for a (Muslim) woman?' They remained silent.
 - Hazrat Ali (Radhiyallahu anhu) says: 'When I went home, I asked Fatimah (Radhiyallahu anha) about this.
 - She said: '(The best thing for a woman) is that she sees no man, and no man sees her.'

Hazrat Ali (Radhiyallahu anhu) says: 'I mentioned that to Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) who said: 'Fatimah is but a part of me.' (Kanzul-Ummaal)

The above clearly states that the BEST for both, the men and women, is that neither should be seen by the other. What then can be said about Muslim sisters running with what type of dressing, for a comrades marathon, in full view of men?

<u>FOOD FOR THOUGHT/SIMPLE LOGIC:</u> Would Hazrat Faatimah Binti Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) had run in this marathon, amidst Kuffaar men?

Women are not allowed to attend the Masjid for FARDH Salaah, how then can Muslim women run on the streets of Pietermaritzburg and Durban?

There is no vestige of Hijaab at such marathons! There are tons of major sins prevalent at such comrade marathons. Let us just list a few in this particular marathon:

- 1. Among the sponsors of the marathon is the liquor company, <u>CASTLE LITE</u>! If Muslims are not allowed to even eat at a place where liquor is served, how then can Muslims run in a race which is sponsored by a *Sharaab* company? And for Muslim women to run under the banner and sponsorship of a liquor company leaves us with no words to describe what a terrible act it is. How are Muslim sisters of the comrades going to face the Pure and Chaste wives of Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam), Hazrat Faatimah (Radhiyallahu anha) and the rest of the Sahaabiyaat (Radhiyallahu anhunna) who lived a modest and Hijaab friendly life?
- 2. Among the sponsors is **COCA COLA**, regarding whom everyone knows to be a supporter of Israel. On the one hand we march and call for boycotting Israel and all its supporters, then we run in a marathon sponsored by one such ardent Israel supporter? And worse, for a Muslim sister to run under the Israeli supporting company, is just too evil, words can NOT justify in expressing the evil. Also, Ulama-e-Haq have cautioned us, some for over decades, that Coca Cola is a Haraam drink.
- 3. Mixing and mingling with the opposite gender. It is just too shameless to even think of a Muslim sister, holding a Muslim name, mingles, blends and mixes with men. One is not allowed to intermingle with Muslim non-Mahram males, what then can be said of mixing with Kuffaar males freely on the roads, while 'running'? This is also too terrible to describe in words. True are the words of the Hadith Shareef which states, "If you have lost Hayaa', then do as you please."
- 4. Leaving the home, which is in direct conflict to the Call of the Qur'an Majeed! Women are permitted to leave their homes, with strict rules and for a valid reason. We shall leave the details for another article, Insha Allah. For now, how can anyone justify the running in a marathon amidst lewdly dressed Kuffaar men and even Muslim men, and in full view of the media and crowds as well as traffic to be a 'valid Islamic need'? There is simply NO logic to even bolster the justification to call this a 'valid need'. Yes, it is a Shaitaani need

to run after and answer his shameless call, on the streets of Natal and anywhere else where such runs and walks may take place.

In conclusion, sincere Taubah should be made, especially if any of the following was done:

- 1. Participated in the marathon.
- 2. Muslim females participated.
- 3. Any family member 'congratulated' or wished-well, or sent Du'as for any Muslim participant, especially a female.
- 4. Used words such as: 'so encouraging'; 'what an achievement'; 'well done'; 'so proud of you'; 'congrats'; 'you are an inspiration'; and the worst, 'Masha Allah', in praise of a shameless Muslim female runner.
- 5. Praised the be-Hayaa female upon her completing the marathon (some of the examples mentioned in the previous points).
- 6. Supported the marathon and/or any of the participants.

For any of the above, a sincere Taubah is required. Allah Ta'ala is Most Forgiving! His Forgiveness is too vast. We are all sinners. If we go to Allah Ta'ala with any amount of sins, He will present to us His Forgiveness which will outweigh our sins. But the condition is to acknowledge our sins – to regard sin as sin!

The best will be to perform two Rak'aats Taubah Salaah and to make Du'a, seeking Allah Ta'alas Forgiveness. Also, a firm intention should be made that we will not commit such a sin again.

May Allah Ta'ala grant the Ummah Hidaayat and Tawfeeg, Aameen.