

مجلس الأئمة القادة الأسترالي

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL



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ANIC Warning to the Community Regarding Fraudulent *Ruqya* Services

ANIC is issuing this precautionary warning to members of the Australian Muslim community regarding fraudulent individuals currently operating '*Ruqya*' or spiritual healing services in an abusive, unislamic and illegal manner.

The practice of '*Ruqya*' is a confirmed tradition of the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad PEACE BE UPON HIM, used to ward off the evil eye (Hasad), black magic and as a general therapy. It can also be performed by the person seeking treatment on themselves or by close family members such as spouses, parents or upright people.

In the unlikely event that the services of a spiritual healer are required, it is important to be wary of the following prohibitions:

- Physical abuse such as hitting, choking and use of excessive force is not permitted during healing.
- Excessive financial charges for treatment, and sales of remedies at inflated prices should not be accepted.
- No Muslim woman should be in seclusion with a male spiritual healer without the presence of her *Mahram* (A close male relative such as husband, or brother).
- Any individual that claims to be qualified in *Ruqya* must be an upright person with good reputation and reference from the Imams and prominent community leaders.



It is also highly recommended to seek medical advice for any conditions prior to seeking the services of any individual performing spiritual healing.

If you have been a victim to or have witnessed any physical or financial abuse, please contact the relevant authorities or seek legal advice. We also advise the community to notify ANIC's office on [1300 765 940](tel:1300765940) if you know of anyone operating such practices illegally.

We ask Allah the Almighty to grant recovery to anyone who is experiencing any type of illness. We would like to remind you of the importance of abstaining from sins and evil deeds to protect one's self and their children. Recitation of the Holy Quran, specifically last two chapters in the Holy Quran, to be recited every morning and evening (after the five daily prayers and before going to sleep) and the authentic invocations practiced by the Prophet PEACE BE UPON HIM help protect from these types of vial actions.

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