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**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL**



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## **NATIONAL KHUTBAH (SERMON) DAY DENOUNCING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) in conjunction with the 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women' declares Friday 25th November 2016 as 'National *Khutbah* (Sermon) Day.'

ANIC calls upon all Imams around the country to deliver this coming Friday's *Khutbah* (sermon) denouncing all forms of domestic violence.

Kind and compassionate treatment of women is so significant in Islam that in his farewell pilgrimage sermon the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) emphasised that women should be treated well.

The Grand Mufti of Australia, His Eminence Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohammed said: "Domestic violence is a serious problem in Australia and it is the community's obligation to stand against all forms of violence in the home targeting women, children and aging parents."

"Each and every Australian Imam shares in the obligation to educate the community about the evils and harms of domestic violence. Hence I call upon Imams to rally in full support of the campaign to denounce domestic violence in their Mosques or centres on Friday the 25th November 2016," the Grand Mufti added.

Imam Shadi Alsuleiman, the President of ANIC said: "Islam came to honour a woman and to safeguard her dignity and any form of abuse towards her is a direct abuse of Islamic teachings and principles."

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