

DELAYING THE JANAZAH

The practice of delaying the Janazah has become increasingly common of recent. It is of extreme importance that the Sunnah is adhered to at all times, especially at the critical time of death & burial. The Hadith is explicit in mentioning that the Janazah should be hastened.

When Sayyiduna Talhah Radhiyallaahu Anhu was about to pass away, Rasulullah Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam came to visit him and said to the companions around him:

“I feel the time of his death has just about come. If it does come to pass, I should be informed and funeral arrangements should be made with haste, for it is not appropriate that the dead body of a Muslim should be left to stay amidst his family members for long”. (Abu Dawood, Hadith #: 3161)

A few points that should be taken into consideration:

- a) Upon the demise of a person, funeral arrangements should be made promptly to have the deceased buried as soon as possible.
- b) Negligence concerning the laws of Hijab is common at funerals. Whilst the females congregate at the house of the bereaved, it is noticed that the menfolk tend to linger at the entrance of the funeral home thereby inconveniencing females and compromising on the laws of Hijab. This should be avoided.
- c) It has been noticed that the Janazah Salaah is delayed for certain people to arrive due to their status in society or relation to the deceased. Once the time has been fixed, the person appointed to lead the Salaah should proceed without any further delay.

May Allah shower his mercy and forgiveness upon all the Marhooms and inspire us to practice on the glorious Sunnah, Ameen.

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