



STATEMENT OF MUSLIM MOTHER BODIES IN MALAWI ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL CASE SEEKING TO LEGALISE HOMOSEXUALITY (SODOMY)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Muslim Mother bodies in this country, in conjunction with other faith groups, would like to inform the nation that the Constitutional Court of the High Court will be sitting on the 5th of June 2023 in Blantyre to determine whether organization’s promoting same sex relationships should be legalized in Malawi. If the court passes the decision that the Government can start registering such organizations, it will mean legalizing same sex relationships in this country.

2.0 OUR BELIEFS

All the religious bodies in this country share the following beliefs about marriage:-

- (a) That it is Allah who created them male and female. He ordained marriage to be between male and female.
- (b) That any relationship contrary to the above is unacceptable and unnatural and therefore a perversion of Islamic Law.
- (c) Allah designed that, children, as off springs of a marriage relationship between male and female, be brought up under the care of the mother and father, wherever possible.
- (d) That homosexual practices do exist in our midst, but it is an abnormality. We believe such people require our counselling and support to reform.

3.0 OUR CONCERNS

The Muslim community in this country is concerned with the legalization of homosexuality on the following grounds:-

- (a) Legalizing same sex relationships/marriages will directly infringe on our religious liberties. Once legalized, Imaams will be forced to conduct Nikah on same sex couples in our Masjids even against our own Islamic convictions; as is currently the case where such laws have changed.

- (b) Legalizing same sex marriages would promote the moral decay in our society as our children and young people in schools and colleges, including Islamic Schools, will openly be taught homosexuality as being normal. This is an unacceptable behaviour.
- (c) Homosexuality indirectly threatens the natural family unit which is the hub or core for a strong society. Other definitions of marriages/unions besides male and female is a fallacy and a perversion of natural order.
- (d) Allah hates homosexuality, Quran 26 versus 165-166. Allah says ‘Go you in to the males of the Alamin (mankind)’ ‘And leave those whom Allah has created for you to be your wives? Nay, you are a people transgressing (all limits)!’ Legalizing homosexuality is to “suspend” Islamic moral code and establishing our own “standard” which is against Allah’s divine word. Allah cannot smile at nations when they choose disobedience. Malawi cannot afford to rebel against Allah at a time when we are asking Allah to heal our nation as we are faced with several calamities and disasters.

4.0 OUR APPEAL

We therefore make the following appeal:

- (a) **The Judiciary:** That the judiciary should not change this fundamental law without consultation of all Malawians.
- (b) **The Faith Community:** Should unite and earnestly make dua against legalization and same sex marriages in Malawi. We must sensitize all people of the threat of same sex unions to the natural family and general morality of the country. People must know and stand up to defend the family. Let us use all media outlets and pulpits to bring this awareness.
- (c) **Our Leadership:** That all our leaders, Traditional Chiefs, Parliamentarians and the Executive should not succumb to the pressure for us as a nation to “rebel” against Allah by legalizing same sex marriages.
- (d) **The International Community:** That the international community should respect our sovereignty as a nation and not dictate values which are conflicting with our religious and cultural beliefs as a people. That same sex marriages must not be a condition for bilateral aid to Malawi.
- (e) **Civil Society and Human Rights Group:** We are aware that there are individuals and groups promoting this agenda purely for economic incentives and not necessarily on self-convictions. We therefore urge all groups advocating same sex marriages to seriously reflect on their actions and respect the will of the people.

5.0 OUR COMMITMENT

The Religious bodies in this country therefore are against the legalization of homosexuality. We are of the view that this is a fundamental part of our laws, which if indeed has to be changed, can only be changed by the will of the majority of the citizens of this nation through either a referendum or through the peoples' representatives in parliament. We must not put a burden on the heads of our Judges to determine the future of our cultural and religious values. Changing such a fundamental law would tantamount to an infringement of people's rights, values and interests.

We must all stand together as a nation in solidarity to defend the natural family marriage as established by Allah. We therefore call upon all concerned Malawians to seriously make dua that Same Sex Unions should not be legalized in this country by the Courts.

On Tuesday, 5th June 2023 as the case will be heard in the Court, we request people to earnestly pray to Allah that Malawi as a nation will not depart from Allah's divine laws governing our morality.

May Allah bless Malawi and keep it a land of peace.

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