Registration of Muslim marriages: UK Government accepts our proposals

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Muslim Marriages: Aligning Sharia Family Law with British Family Law

About 40 years ago, this organisation made a rule that its imams shall not perform a *nikah* unless a civil marriage had been registered. We did this to save the parties from legal difficulties and hardship if the marriage broke down. We also struggled for a change to the law to make sure that this happens. We tried everything we could think of but without success.

The Times has just announced that the Government is going to change the law and require that before a *nikah* takes place the couple must register a civil marriage. An imam who performs a *nikah* without making sure that a civil marriage has taken place will face prosecution.

This is a great victory for common sense. It vindicates our struggle over 40 years and shows that in our country, eventually, the Government will come to the right conclusion.

The Ahmadiyya Association for the Propagation of Islam (*Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam*) was established in Lahore in 1914 to promote the informed understanding of Islam in the West. In the UK it operated the Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking until the early 1960s. Its new headquarters is at *Dar-us-Salaam*, 15 Stanley Avenue, Wembley, HA0 4JQ, UK. In 1924, in Berlin, it built the first mosque in Continental Europe of the modern era. The German Government recognises the Berlin Mosque as part of the German national heritage. From its European and other centres around the world this organisation has taught that Islam promotes peace, harmony and mutual respect between all communities and nationalities.

- Our press release on Muslim marriages:

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