

The third question of Fatwa no. 20062

Q 3: What should a woman's Waliy (a legally accountable person acting for a woman regarding marriage) do when a suitor proposes to her?

A: A woman's Waliy should choose a righteous, religious, and honest man for her. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

If someone with a satisfactory standard of faith and honesty comes to you seeking marriage, then give him (your daughter or sister) in marriage. If you refuse, that will lead to the spread of great corruption in the land.

(Related by Ibn Majah and Al-Tirmidhy who ranked this Hadith as Hasan Gharib [a good Hadith that is strange to come from this chain of narration])

The Waliy should fear Allah and work for her benefit and not for his interest as he is responsible for her before Allah. Moreover, he should not burden the suitor with excessive Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom).

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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