

Ruling on nail extensions

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Question: What is the ruling on nail extensions, bearing in mind that I strive to never let any men see them. And does that enter into the ruling of Al-Waasilah (i.e., using hair extensions) which has come within the Hadeeth?

Shaykh bin Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: Nail extensions have no basis and it is not permissible to use nail extensions. Rather, it is obligatory and the Sunnah to shorten and clip them at least (every) forty nights. Anas (رضي الله عنه)² said: “We were given a time period for trimming the moustache, clipping the nails, plucking the armpit hairs, and shaving the pubic hairs, that we should not leave this for more than forty nights.” In another wording: “The Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³ demarcated for us...”

Therefore, the man and the woman are both commanded to clip the nails at least (every) forty nights. So how can she have (long) nails? This is a munkar, and has no basis.⁴

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

³ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁴ Source: <http://www.binbaz.org.sa/mat/20536>