



## We were forbidden to follow funeral processions, but the prohibition was not mandatory for us

Umm 'Atiyyah al-Ansāriah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: We were forbidden to follow funeral processions, but the prohibition was not mandatory for us.

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

A noble female companion, Umm 'Atiyyah al-Ansāriah, reports that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) has forbidden women from accompanying the funeral processions. This is because women are very delicate and emotional, and are not as patient and enduring as men at times of adversities and calamities. Thus, following the funeral procession will make women panic and distressed as they observe the dead person carried to the grave and left in it. Nevertheless, Umm 'Atiyyah understood from the surrounding circumstances that this prohibition was not absolute or mandatory, and it does not mean that women are forbidden to do so. But the correct opinion is that women are forbidden to accompany funeral processions. Ibn Daqīq al-Eid said: "There are other Hadīths, which prove strongly prohibition of following funeral processions by women, more than this Hadīth."

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