

## AL-ISLAM FATWA BANK - (Marital issues)

### Psychological conditions may allow a wife to prevent her husband

**Question:** Is a woman sinful if she prevents her husband when he desires her for sexual intercourse due to her psychological state or due to an illness that is hurting her?

**Response:** It is obligatory upon the wife to respond to her husband if he calls her to his bed. However, if she is psychologically ill and is not able to actively respond to his call or if she has a physical illness, then in such cases it is not allowed for the husband to call upon her. This is because the Prophet (sal-Allaahu `alayhe wa sallam) said:

((There is to be no harm done or reciprocation of harm)).

He should either refrain or enjoy her company in such a way that does not harm her.

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