

Islam Question & Answer

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1172 - Women cutting their hair

the question

What is the ruling about the haircut favoured by some women, whereby they cut the hair across their foreheads (“bangs” or “fringe”) and allow some locks or strands of hair to hang forward?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

If the purpose of this haircut is to resemble kaafir and atheist women, then it is haraam, because imitation of non-Muslims is haraam, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever imitates a people is one of them.” If the aim is not to imitate the non-Muslims, and it is only a modern trend among women that is considered attractive, then a woman can adorn herself in this way for her husband and appear like this in front of her close friends so that she may look and feel good among them. We do not see anything wrong with this.