

# RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS SAY NO TO FGM

If the purpose of female genital circumcision is cutting [the] clitoris **this operation is not right** and **is not a religious tradition**. If the girl is hurt, it is **prohibited**. Cutting off a part of a girl's genitals is certainly a **crime against girls** and there is no permission and justification for parents to do this operation.

• GRAND AYATOLLAH ALI AL-SISTANI, IRAQ

The many forms of slavery, the commercialization, and **mutilation of the bodies of women**, call out to us to be **committed do defeat** these types of degradation that reduce them to mere objects that are bought and sold...

POPE FRANCIS,  
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MULAVI SHEIKH SALAHEDIN CHARAKI,  
SUNNI CLERIC FROM PARSIAAN

There are good reasons that female circumcision is **not necessary any more**. It has **many disadvantages** (...) Imam Shafi'i has two different opinions about circumcision and other Sunni imams do not believe that it is compulsory. (...) **I have not circumcised any of my three daughters** because I am afraid of the **dangers** to their body and soul.