

## **GOVERNMENT WISHES TO LEGALIZE PROSTITUTION PRESS STATEMENT OF JAMIATUL ULAMA (KZN)**

In recent discussions, the idea of legalizing prostitution has taken center stage for the future of South Africa. Certain government officials are lobbying for the decriminalization of prostitution in time to host the 2010 World Cup. The question that begs to be asked, "Is South Africa prepared for the consequences of legalizing prostitution?" Prostitution brings in its wake, the demoralization of the nation. It dysfunctionizes the community through the decomposition of the family unit. It devalues and degrades the status and honour of our beloved mothers, daughter and sisters in society. The woman ceases to be seen as the respectable complement of man, rather she is portrayed and treated as a sexual commodity, an item to be traded and sold like other merchandise. Because of the desensitization of the social and ethical barriers, the message will be created to the new generations of men and boys that women are merely sensual commodities to be used and abused to appease one's carnal appetite. We will then witness the dissolution of the loyalty of the husband, the dignity and respect of the father and the chastity and innocence of the son, all this in an illicit and iniquitous communion purchased for a few meager rands from the mothers, sisters and daughters of South Africa.

The very foundation of any successful nation, the family unit, will suffer a self-inflicted disintegration. The happiness, morality and success of the state will be deflated as a consequence of our own evils. The support and assistance of the Almighty will divert away from us to more obedient, submissive and moral communities. We will be trading the respect and honour of this very country in lieu of disgrace and immorality. The same Democracy, which just recently stood for the success and progress of the country, will be responsible for the degeneration and regress of humanity. The question we must ask, "Is South Africa prepared to commodify its chaste mothers, daughters and sisters?"

The Jamiatul Ulama (KZN) urges you to petition the Government against legalizing prostitution.

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