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The Welsh Assembly in Wales has proposed a new bill called: PRESUMED OR DEEMED CONSENT

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In this bill, if it becomes legal (GOD forbids): The doctors have the right legally to take our holy organs at time of

death, for organ transplantation, WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION and WITHOUT OUR CONSENT BEFORE???

About two months ago, there was a Consultation to the public and organisations in Wales in order to give their responses and views.

Alhamdulillah, After a good organised campaign by the Muslims and some Christians in Wales last September, we managed to get about 2400 Muslim letters signed in the mosques on Friday

prayer which OPPOSED this horrible bill. All were delivered by hand to the Welsh Assembly. Those who supported the bill were about 300?

But even after this great victory of the Welsh Muslims, the Welsh Assembly is still IGNORING our majority successful result and is PUSHING the bill again and for debate in the Welsh Assembly soon?

VERY UNDEMOCRATIC!!!

Now the second stage of the campaign in early December is to

get a lot of SIGNED Muslim letters/many thousands in the mosques on Friday prayer.

But these letters, this time, will be addressed individually to the Members of the Welsh Assembly, each letter signed by a Muslim then sent to his/her own Member according to the area where the Muslim is living.

This noble Islamic Humane campaign is not against organ donation:

It is only against the FORCED TAKING OF OUR HOLY ORGANS without our permission or consent before during our life.

We said to all:

Keep the law as it is: Any one interested to donate his/her organs can do freely during his/her life after filling a form/card.

PLEASE MUSLIMS IF YOU KNOW ANY MUSLIM (or even non Muslim or Christian) IN WALES:

ASK HIM/HER to send quickly a signed letter to his/her own Member of the Assembly saying: NO TO THIS DREADFUL BILL STOP IT AND DROP IT!

You can see with this appeal:

-2 Big Fatawas: one from the Islamic Sharia Council in London and another from Hizbul Ulama (Society of Muslim Scholars)

-And a new Statement from the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB)

ALL OPPOSING THE BILL AND ASKING THE MUSLIMS IN WALES TO WRITE TO THEIR MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO STOP IT AND DROP IT!

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Giver of Mercy

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WE OPPOSE THE FORCED/COMPULSORY TAKING OF ORGANS WITHOUT CONSENT AT TIME OF DEATH (As in PRESUMED CONSENT)

We are dismayed to hear about the proposed bill in Wales on PRESUMED CONSENT which will allow doctors to take organs by force at the time of death and without giving our written consent or permission before.

We in Sharia Council absolutely **oppose strongly** this proposed bill.

We are aware that the present law is adequate in that anyone wishing to donate organs may do so by giving consent in writing before death. In absence of this, how can it be assumed that the deceased has consented? On the contrary it can be assumed that the deceased did not consent at all.

We therefore, not only oppose the proposed bill but also **urge** all the Muslims in Wales/UK to **write** to the members of the Welsh Assembly to drop and stop this bill.

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Organ Donation - A gift, not a Right: Human Transplantation (Wales) Bill and presumed consent

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,
Assalamu Alaikum, (Peace be upon you)

The response to the Welsh Government's consultation to introduce the soft opt-out system for consent to deceased organ and tissue donation in Wales was an over-whelming "NO". It is a matter of concern that despite this the matter is being pursued.

This means that a person's consent to donation will be deemed to have been given unless they objected during their lifetime - a process called opting out. If a post mortem is required permission of the relatives is sought (even in case of medico-legal PMs the relatives are informed as sensitively as possible). The discovery that hundreds of organs had been stored at hospitals following post-mortems on children was followed by public apology for organ and tissue retention without permission.

It is a matter of great concern that legislation is being considered to remove organs without permission from the deceased. If it was unethical then it remains unethical now.

Organ 'donation' is considered as a free gift that an individual makes through informed choice in order to help another fellow human even after death.

Removal of organs from the deceased without permission is neither a donation nor a gift. We

support informing and encouraging individuals to make informed personal choice. The current legislation allows individuals to do this and should therefore be retained.

It is morally not acceptable to bring about the mutilation of a human being even in order to delay the death of another person without true consent by the person during their life. Presumed consent' is not consent. The body has dignity even after death; removal of organs without explicit consent is an assault.

The Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) appeal to Muslims, particularly Welsh Muslims to write to their Members of the Assembly to oppose and drop this bill.

With Best Regards,
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ISLAMIC RULING REGARDING PRESUMED CONSENT / ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Aassalaamu alaikum warahamtullah wabaraktuh

Our organs and our bodies belong to our Creator: ALLAH. We are ordered in Islam to protect all our organs from any harm like alcohol and smoking, and to allow them to be satisfied physiologically with all their needs and as ALLAH wanted. We do not own any of our organs and no one has the right (Muslim or non Muslim) to take any of our organs especially at time of death.

ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION is a controversial issue in Islam: Some Muslim scholars agree with it but with many strict conditions, others oppose it! However if any Muslim is interested to give any of his/her organs: The law in Britain allows

him/her to do that. But this should be done voluntarily by doing a WRITEN CONSENT in advance and during one's life and after been made aware:

- Of the details of the surgical procedures being agreed to, including the possibility of organs being taken while the patient is still alive and the heart is still beating or pain is still felt)

- Of any harm resulting to the donor when he/she is still alive.

- And without any interference with the natural moment of death as fixed by ALLAH Almighty and not by doctors. There should not be any interference with the natural moment of death.

- Death should occur first NATURALLY when both the heart and respiration (and all brain activity) stop naturally and normally the soul leaves the body after natural death.

- That there is no other alternative to help the patient We became aware lately of a draft Bill in Wales called: PRESUMED CONSENT or DEEMED CONSENT

In this Bill, if it becomes law, the doc-

tors/hospitals in Wales have the full right to take our organs at time of death, WITHOUT ANY WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM US BEFORE AND DURING OUR LIFE???

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE HUMANELY ISLAMICALLY AND MEDICALLY.

We all know that before any medical or surgical procedure in hospitals today, we have to give our own informed consent before.

So why our basic human right: CONSENT is taken from us in this Bill?

Besides, almost all Muslims who will die in Wales and who did not know about this Bill, their organs will be "TAKEN AND STOLEN" by force, if the Bill is implemented, without giving their own written consent before? Also, those Muslims who were

against Organ donation and organ transplantation during their life, their organs will be taken, without their knowledge before and without their consent.

Finally: WE LIKE TO APPEAL TO ALL THE MUSLIMS WHO ARE LIVING IN WALES TO OPPOSE STRONGLY THIS UNJUST UNISLAMIC UNHUMANE BILL BY ALL LEGAL AND PEACEFUL MEANS:

WE ASK EVERY MUSLIM (man or woman) in Wales TO WRITE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WELSH ASSEMBLY TO EXPRESS THEIR OPPOSITION AND TO ASK THEM TO STOP THIS BILL AND TO EXPLAIN CLEARLY HIS/HER OBJECTION AS A WELSH CITIZEN.

MAY ALLAH GUIDE US AND GIVE US THE VICTORY OVER THIS DREADFUL BILL.

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Wassalaamu Alaikum,
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