

Q. My sister felt that she is affected with blackmagic so she went to a person who deals with such matters. I had accompanied her but to our surprise, this amil (person who removes magic) insisted that he needs to see my sister alone. We did not feel comfortable so we left. Did we do the right thing?

A. You had acted correctly by leaving the premises of the fraudulent Amil. It is not permissible for him to be in seclusion with your sister. The fact that he requested to be alone with your sister is a strong indication that he is an imposter and has ulterior motives. How can he draw Allah's assistance in his treatment whereas he is violating the laws of Allah at the same time? Your sister should make it a habit of reciting the last three Surahs thrice each every morning and evening as well as Ayatul Kursi after every Salaah.

On this note, The Jamiatul Ulama advises the public to apply caution with regards to seeking treatment from Amils (people who deal in removing the effects of jinn and witchcraft). Whilst there are Amils who are genuine and sincerely adhere to the laws of Shari'ah, there are many who are out there to take advantage of people, either by soliciting funds or sexually abusing vulnerable females. There have been numerous reports received at the Jamiat regarding the unbecoming behaviour of some Amils; especially with females. The best and safest is to adhere to reciting the verses of the Qur'an and Duas mentioned in the Hadith for protection against witchcraft and evil. If there is a need to go to an Amil for treatment, females should ensure that they are always accompanied by their husband or Mahram male relative. Under no circumstance should a female allow an Amil to beguile her into being alone with him.

And Allah Ta'ala Knows Best

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