



Kosova Women's Network

Serving, Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Women and Girls

KWN Reacts Against Hate Speech and Discrimination

Kosova Women's Network (KWN) supports the reaction and demands of the Women's Caucus of the Assemble of Kosova regarding the denigrating, humiliating, offensive and immoral language which has been used against Kosova women, by imam Irfan Salihu, imam at the mosque Suzi Zerrini Prizren.

KWN also sees this statement of imam Salihu as violation of the human rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the Republic of Kosova, which says: "Dedicated to the creation of a state of equal citizens, which would guarantee the rights of every citizen, civil freedoms and equality of all citizens before the law."

KWN estimates that the language used in the statement of imam Salihu contradicts the Article 8 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, which states that "The Republic of Kosovo is a secular state and is neutral in matters of religious beliefs", thereby fueling religious discord and hatred among the people of Kosovo.

The Republic of Kosovo ensures gender equality as a fundamental value for the democratic development of society, equal opportunities for men and women participation in political, economic, social, cultural and other areas of social life.

Any such kind of appeal is unconstitutional, so we demand from the government to investigate who is behind voices that violate human rights and freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution of the Republic of Kosova. We expect that not only women, but also men in the Parliament to react loudly against these voices of hate and discrimination.

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