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The pronouncement of Adhan by women

First question from Fatwa no. (4522)

Q: Is it permissible for a woman to pronounce the Adhan (Call to Prayer)? Is her voice considered `Awrah (should be concealed and not displayed in public) or not?

A: First: A woman should not pronounce Adhan according to the most authentic opinions of scholars, for this did not happen either in the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him) or the Rightly Guided Caliphs (may Allah be pleased with them)

Second: The voice of women is not always `Awrah, for women used to ask the Prophet and the Rightly Guided Caliphs (may Allah be pleased with them) and other Muslim rulers who followed them about issues in Islam. Women also used to greet non-Mahram (marrigable) men and reply to their greetings at these times. None of the scholars of Islam have ever disputed this. However it is impermissible for women to be soft in speech and talk charmingly (with Non-Mahram men) for Allah (May He be Exalted) says: ﴿ O wives of the Prophet! You are not like any other women. If you keep your duty (to Allāh), then be not soft in speech, lest he in whose heart is a disease (of hypocrisy, or evil desire for adultery) should be moved with desire, but speak in an honourable manner. ﴾ This is because the way she speaks may seduce men and lead them into Fitnah (temptation/trial/sedition) as indicated in the Ayah mentioned above.

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