

Permissibility of amusement during circumcision ceremony

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is the amusement allowed during the circumcision ceremony? May Allaah reward you.

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

There is no matter over this issue if it happens on an ad hoc basis, such as alleviating the pain of the circumcised boy, provided that such amusement should not overstep the limits of the Islaamic teachings. In other words, the amusement must be devoid of any evil deed an act of disobedience.

Some Salaf (Righteous Predecessors) reported the permissibility of amusement during the circumcision. Al-Bukhaaree has devoted a chapter in his Book "*Al-Adab Al-Mufrad*" entitled: "Chapter concerning amusement during the circumcision", on the authority of Um 'Alqama who said: "The nieces of 'A'ishah رضي الله عنها (the daughters of her brother) were circumcised; then it was said to 'A'ishah: 'Shall we invite who amuse them?' She said: 'Of course...' "¹.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عزَّ وجلَّ. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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¹ Reported by Al-Bukhaaree in "*Al-Adab Al-Mufrad*" (1247) from the hadeeth of Um 'Alqama. The hadeeth is judged Hassan (well) by Al-Albaanee in "*Saheeh Al-Adab Al-Mufrad*" (950) as well as in "*As-Silsilah As-Saheehah*" (2/349).