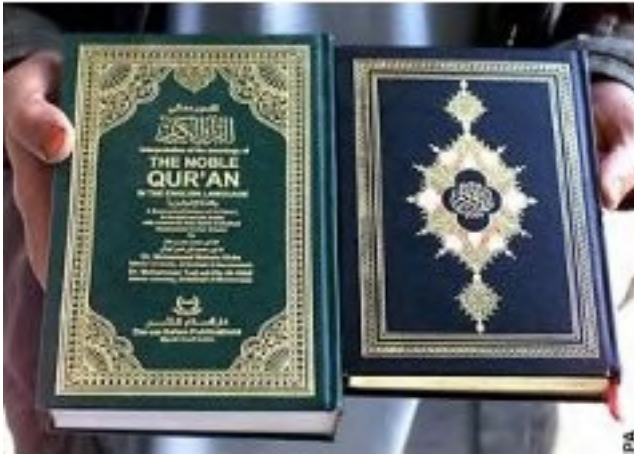


Sharia Law



Islam's Sharia law is cast from the words of [Muhammad](#), called "*hadith*," his actions, called "*sunnah*," and the [Quran](#), which he dictated. The Sharia law itself cannot be altered but its interpretation, called "*fiqh*," by muftis (Islamic jurists) is given some latitude.

As a legal system, the Sharia law is exceptionally broad. While other legal codes regulate public behavior, Sharia regulates public behavior, private behavior, and even private beliefs. Compared to other legal codes, the Sharia law also prioritizes punishment over rehabilitation and favors corporal and capital punishments over incarceration. Of all legal systems in the world today, the Sharia law is the most intrusive and restrictive, especially against women. According to the Sharia law (see the links for details):

- Theft is punishable by amputation of the hands ([Quran 5:38](#)).
- Criticizing or denying any part of the [Quran](#) is punishable by death.
- Criticizing [Muhammad](#) or denying that he is a prophet is punishable by death.
- Criticizing or denying Allah is punishable by death (see [Allah moon god](#)).
- A Muslim who becomes a non-Muslim is punishable by death (See [Compulsion](#)).

- A non-Muslim who leads a Muslim away from Islam is punishable by death.
- A non-Muslim man who marries a Muslim woman is punishable by death.
- A woman or girl who has been raped cannot testify in court against her rapist(s).
- Testimonies of 4 male witnesses are required to prove rape of a female ([Quran 24:13](#)).
- A woman or girl who alleges rape without producing 4 male witnesses is guilty of adultery.
- A woman or girl found guilty of adultery is punishable by death
- A male convicted of rape can have his conviction dismissed by marrying his victim.
- Muslim men have sexual rights to any woman/girl not wearing the [Hijab](#) (see [Taharrush](#)).
- A woman can have 1 husband, who can have up to 4 wives; [Muhammad](#) can have more.
- A man can marry an infant girl and consummate the marriage when she is [9 years old](#).
- Girls' clitoris should be cut ([Muhammad's](#) words, *Book 41, Kitab Al-Adab, Hadith 5251*).
- A man can beat his wife for insubordination (see [Quran 4:34](#) and [Religion of Peace](#)).
- A man can unilaterally divorce his wife; a wife needs her husband's consent to divorce.
- A divorced wife loses custody of all children over 6 years of age or when they exceed it.
- A woman's testimony in court, allowed in property cases, carries ½ the weight of a man's.
- A female heir inherits half of what a male heir inherits (see [Mathematics in Quran](#)).
- A woman cannot speak alone to a man who is not her husband or relative.
- Meat to eat must come from animals that have been sacrificed to Allah - i.e., be "[Halal](#)."
- Muslims should engage in [Taqiyya](#) and lie to non-Muslims to advance Islam.

WHAT IS SHARIA LAW? (a)



- ◆ **A system of political/religious beliefs.**
- ◆ **Enforced by a fascist religious regime.**
- ◆ **Strict code for govern'g Islam society.**
- ◆ **Willed by Allah upon all, via Koran.**
- ◆ **Impose by social-economic change or holy war (jihad).**

WHAT IS SHARIA LAW? (b)

- ◆ **Complete: politics, society, economics.**
- ◆ **Pure Sharia: all, w/ severe punishment.**
- ◆ **Pure Sharia: Women's rights limited.**
- ◆ **contradicts Western & international law.**
- ◆ **Enhances Islam and diminishes others.**
- ◆ **Sharia Finance: A subset of Sharia law.**

WHAT IS SHARIA LAW? (c)



- ◆ **Principles of Islam: basis for all law.**
- ◆ **Non-believers: must submit to Islamic law.**
- ◆ **All Laws of non-believers: must be replaced with Sharia (Islamic) law.**
- ◆ **Ancient religious sites must be destroyed to prevent corruption.** [CSPI, pp. 87]

WHAT IS SHARIA LAW? (d)

- ◆ **Non-Muslims may buy protection (jizya); i.e., submit to dhimmi status.** [CSPI, pp. 87]
- ◆ **Host civilization will be completely taken over: (Art, literature, entertainment, law, history, names, customs, food, dress, language, education, etc.)** [CSPI, pp. 95]

BASIC ELEMENTS OF SHARIA



- ◆ **Muslims: work for other Muslims only.**
- ◆ **Muslim women: marry Muslim men.**
- ◆ **No inheritance chain for non-Muslims.**
- ◆ **Only Muslim-to-Muslim witnesses ok.**
- ◆ **Flogging for false witness against Islam.**

PURE SHARIA LAW



- ◆ **A strict form of Islamic law -- *Hudud*.**
- ◆ **Fornication is punishable by stoning.**
- ◆ **Drinking alcohol punishable by lashing.**
- ◆ **Theft punishable by amputation.**
- ◆ **Women: no skin, strictly enforced.**

A selection of countries which follow extreme sharia law

The sharia law

- A system of religious law drawn from the Koran and the hadiths (words or actions of the Prophet Mohammed)
- Applied differently in different countries, with some aspects widely accepted
- A subject of dispute between conservative and liberal Muslims
- Hudud ("boundaries" in Arabic) is punishment meted out for sins like adultery, rape, homosexuality, theft and murder
- Extreme punishment rarely carried out as offences need to be proven by confession or by witnesses



SAUDI ARABIA

- All Saudi laws are based on the sharia
- Homosexual acts are illegal and punishable by execution, but usual penalty is limited to flogging and imprisonment
- Beheadings and amputations by swords were usually carried out on Fridays (before midday prayers). Extreme cases call for crucifixion after execution
 - Law also allows literal eye-for-an-eye punishment or "qisas", in cases of personal injury

SUDAN

- Sharia law adopted in 1983 but since then has been implemented unevenly
- Death by stoning, on the statute books, has not been carried out in decades but activists say hundreds of women are flogged every year for "immoral behaviour"

NIGERIA

- A third of the country's states -- all in the north -- apply sharia to criminal cases
- Courts can order amputations, although few have ever been carried out

QATAR

- Flogging is a rarely used punishment for Muslims who drink alcohol or have illicit sexual relations

IRAN

- The punishment for adultery is 100 lashes, or death when it involves a Muslim woman and a non-Muslim man
- Unlike classical sharia Iran relies heavily on imprisonment, though it does employ a range of punishments including amputations and forced blinding

AFGHANISTAN

- Last Taliban regime (1996-2001) imposed mandatory full face coverings for women (burqa) and required male companion when leaving their homes
- Extreme hudud punishments also routinely carried out during their regime
- Since their takeover in August, Taliban leaders have indicated a relaxation of their hardline interpretation of sharia

INDONESIA

- Aceh region, the only province in the world's biggest Muslim-majority country to have Islamic law
- Public flogging is common for offences including gambling, drinking alcohol, adultery and having gay sex. Indonesia's government refuses to sanction beheading
- Aceh was granted special autonomy in 2001 and adopted the religious law

BRUNEI

- The tiny and rich absolute monarchy is the first country in Southeast Asia to impose sharia in 2019
- Its sultan later said some measures would not be enforced (including death by stoning for gay sex and adultery)

ISLAMIC STATE GROUP

- Hudood Ordinances introduced in 1979
- Sharia courts run parallel to the penal code, but are rarely used
- Before it was crushed in 2019, the Islamic State group applied a fiercely brutal form of sharia in the parts of Syria and Iraq its "caliphate" controlled
- It ran its own courts and carried out beheadings, stonings and amputations, pushing men suspected of being homosexual from tall buildings

PAKISTAN

SHARIA LAW IN SELECTED COUNTRIES (a)

◆ Saudi Arabia

- a pure-Sharia Wahhabi state.**
- no other religions allowed.**
- Pure Sharia law is strictly enforced.**

SHARIA LAW IN SELECTED COUNTRIES (b)

◆ Nigeria

- 50% Muslim, 40% Christian; w/Sharia.**
- Men & women must be segregated.**
- Women cannot ride with other men.**
- Women cannot work outside of home.**
- Women not equally protected.**

SELECTED QUOTE (3)



This world wide domination is to be accomplished in the first instance by persuasion. This is the effort to convert the infidels to Islam peacefully. If this does not work, the Muslim people or Ummah as a collective obligation, and according to some interpretations, as an individual one, are to wage Jihad or struggle to more forcefully persuade the infidels to convert. If persuasion is not effective, the Jihadists are to force the non-Muslims to submit to subjugation (known today as dhimmitude) [MSIAP, 2007]

SELECTED QUOTE (1a)



“The muslim fundamentalists seek on the domestic front the establishment of an Islamic theocracy or religious dictatorship (including, if necessary, the violent overthrow of the existing government), (continued)

SELECTED QUOTE (1b)



quote continued:

the adoption and strict application of the *Sharia*, Islam's traditional legal code, and the eradication and expulsion of all non-Muslim influences on their society and way of life.” [Dennis, p. 29]