Exposed: The British website advertising virgin Muslim brides

A Muslim matchmaking site for men to find virgin brides and take multiple wives is operating in Britain, <u>The Telegraph</u> can disclose.

NikkahGram, a UK-registered company, describes itself as an Islamic solution for men seeking "a shy, untouched spouse" or wishing to take a second, third or fourth wife.

Virgin women under 35 are promoted as ideal first wives. Those older or with sexual histories are likened to "low quality products", with their only hope being to share a husband.

<u>NikkahGram lists Asif Munaf</u>, a former NHS medic suspended for <u>anti-Semitism</u>, among its staff. Until contacted by The Telegraph, the site described him as their "associate qualified doctor".





The platform matches men with 'shy, untouched' brides

Founded in 2022, NikkahGram aims to "facilitate marriage for Muslims who stick to core Islamic values of modesty and submission to Allah without modern excuses".

The company's website claims it exists "for sisters who value their virginity and preserve it, and for brothers who remain chaste and wish to find an untouched wife".

What do you consider a virgin for this service? Is a past acceptable?

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A complete virgin means your private areas have **never been intimately**/sexually touched by anyone else, nor have you intimately/sexually touched anyone else's private parts. This includes **any form** of sexual intercourse.

If **you decide** to register as a Virgin, you must swear by Allah that you are telling the truth about being a complete virgin as described above. Lying in this oath is a **severe sin with serious consequences** in this life and the hereafter.

If you aren't a virgin, we **don't ask you to confess** anything you're comfortable with sharing. Simply select one of our other options for profile types for sisters. You **don't need to expose** any sins because by selecting another option like "Polygyny" it doesn't necessarily mean you've had any such past.

What counts as a virgin on NikkahGram?

Women who join must declare if they are virgins — defined as no "previous relationship, haram physical touches or any type of intercourse" — and whether they would be willing to marry a husband with more than one wife.

Virgin women under 35 get free access, while most men pay £24.99 per month or up to £499.99 for "lifetime VIP" access.

Once registered, users can browse and express interest in someone else's profile, but all contact is channelled through the woman's legal guardian, preventing private conversation between prospective couples.

Men are advised not to register Islamic marriages in the West, where bigamy is a crime and divorce law ensures assets are split. NikkahGram claims that registering a marriage means "one or more parties will always be treated unjustly". It even allows customers to select a spouse who agrees to a "non-registered" union.

In videos bearing the site's logo, male figures promote the

wearing of a niqab — a veil which covers the whole face apart from a slit for the eyes — advise divorcing "feminist" wives who fail to meet "60 per cent" of a husband's demands, such as serving breakfast in bed, and suggest that wife-beating is "symbolic", not "abusive".

A post made just six days ago features footage of Sheikh Assim Al Hakeem, who said men displeased with their wives should first advise them to change, then deny them sex, and "if they persist, finally strike them lightly".



Credit: Instagram / @nikkahgram

"Not with a baseball bat," he added. "Not from the very beginning, boom, no, but gradual. And this is for the goodness of the marriage. You don't beat a wife just out of the blue.

You have these instructions in the Koran and the beating has to be in accordance with Islam. So it has to be with a miswak that doesn't leave a mark, doesn't shed blood. Doesn't break a bone. It's something symbolic to show her that you have reached the end of the rainbow. If nothing is fixed, then divorce can be resorted to."

Another post features Hocine Based, a Muslim fitness influencer, claiming that sex with non-virgins can cause cancer. He claimed: "Even the exchange of saliva, even exchange of looks, and eyes, and even pheromones, a woman will be adaptive, because she's a host, so she prepares her body which adapts to the man's DNA... because a baby is an external organism that's actually growing within her. And if it doesn't align with her DNA, guess what? We get cancer!"

There is no medical evidence to support this statement.

Lady Gohir, the chief executive of the Muslim Women's Network UK, told The Telegraph ". . . Influenced by figures like Andrew Tate, these fringe voices use a veneer of piety and scholarship, but their message is neither authentic nor aligned with the ethics and spirit of Islam."

She said there is a danger the content could fuel prejudice against Muslims. The website also risks fuelling fears that some migrants to Britain are reluctant to integrate. And it would be a terrible thing if we had any cause to suspect that

Particular concern centres on videos posted by the website on Instagram and TikTok, promoting what it calls an ideal Islamic marriage. These state that women must not work, must homeschool to avoid secular education and must always acquiesce to marital sex. Women are encouraged to remain virgins, marry "very young", and "mix it up in the home and the bedroom" to stop men straying. One branded video states: "You cannot stop your husband's desire [for a second wife] because it's

natural, you can only make him love you so much that he doesn't bother to pursue it."

Mr Munaf, who was listed as NikkahGram's "associate qualified doctor", was temporarily suspended from the medical register last November pending a General Medical Council investigation into anti-Semitic posts, including Holocaust denial and claiming 9/11 was "a Jewish job".

Despite being subject to an interim suspension order, he continues to promote pseudoscience on NikkahGram's social media. In a post still visible on the platform from last September, Mr Munaf claimed that women have "defects in their intellect" and "don't have the ability to make decisions for themselves". He argued that because men "can marry without discussing it with anyone", while women require a legal guardian, the sexes "aren't the same".

He continued: "Women do need to be treated with a bit more support and advice. Because they don't have the ability to make decisions for themselves, hence why women can't become leaders. How many prophets were women? Zero. How many Khalifs were women? Zero. So women can't take up leadership positions because they have defects in their intellect. I'm not ashamed to say that, as a man, as a doctor."

Mr Munaf told The Telegraph his belief in female intellectual inferiority was grounded in centuries of Islamic scholarship. "There's a lot of brothers now going to North Africa for second wives, or even first wives, actually. Because a lot of brothers have gotten sick of feminism in the West, generally."

The website urges men and women to seek spouses abroad. An Instagram post from the official NikkahGram account last September reads: "We encourage brothers to get married from overseas, second wife especially but first wives too. Less prone to feminism, more traditional, and many virgins! If you're tired of Western sisters and want a wife (or

second/third/fourth wife) who respects your role as a man and a provider, and hers as a homemaker, you should consider this."

The Home Office has been contacted for comment.