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To Whom It May Concern,

I, Shaykh Dr. Umar Al-Qadri, Chief mam of the Islamic Centre of Ireland and Chair of the Shariah Council, write this letter in my capacity as a faith leader and in response to the case presented before the Council by Ms. Marium Kamal (DOB: 12 November 1990) regarding her application for *Khula* (case reference: MK-KC-241).

The Shariah Council of the Islamic Centre of Ireland consists of myself, Shaykh Muhammad Ismaeel, Imam Anwar Shah, Shaykh Khaled Al-Makki, and Shaykh Hussain Gillani. The Council is mandated by the Muslim community to adjudicate matters concerning Islamic divorce (*Talaq*) and *Khula*, in line with Islamic jurisprudence.

Ms. Marium Kamal submitted her application for *Khula* in February 2024, having paid the required administrative fee of €1000. Meetings were duly convened with her husband, Mr. Bilal Sultan (DOB: 6 February 1990), in order to hear both parties. A formal notice was issued to Mr. Sultan outlining Ms. Kamal's reasons for seeking dissolution of the marriage, which included but were not limited to:

1. Lack of religious commitment (failure to perform Salah).
2. Physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, including coercive control and threats.
3. Financial conflict and unreasonable demands for Ms. Kamal to pay mortgage/rent.
4. Failure to provide *Nafaqah* (financial support) as required by Islamic law.
5. Neglect of marital duties, including abandonment while travelling abroad.

The Council held online meetings with both parties, during which Mr. Sultan maintained that he would not consent to *Khula* without return of the *Mahr*. A witness, independent of the Kamal family, testified before the Council, corroborating allegations of verbal and physical mistreatment. The witness further confirmed that on 21st December 2023, Ms. Kamal was denied entry to the marital home and her personal belongings remain withheld by Mr. Sultan.

In light of evidence presented, and given that Ms. Kamal contributed substantially more than the value of Mahr towards household expenses during the marriage, the Council determined that Mr. Sultan is not entitled to the return of *Mahr* (220 grams of gold, valued at approx. GBP £11,000). Rather, it was established that he had failed in his obligation to provide financial support, thereby strengthening the case for dissolution.



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Accordingly, on 7th April 2024, the Shariah Council issued its ruling of Fasakh (dissolution of marriage) in favour of Ms. Kamal. This decision was based on the well-established grounds of Islamic law, namely:

- Neglect to provide financial maintenance for three months or more.
- Subjecting the wife to cruelty and psychological abuse.
- Failure to uphold marital obligations for one year or longer.

Therefore, the marriage between Mr. Bilal Sultan and Ms. Marium Kamal is annulled as of the above date, and both parties are released from marital obligations under Islamic law.

Following this ruling, I personally received abusive and profane WhatsApp messages from Mr. Bilal Sultan. While Mr. Sultan had appeared calm and cooperative during Council meetings, his behaviour following the decision was deeply disturbing and unbecoming. The messages contained highly offensive language directed not only at myself but also at my family. This behaviour compelled me to block Mr. Sultan on all platforms.

It must also be noted that the Irish Muslim community is relatively small, and although I know Dr. Kamal (the father of Ms. Marium Kamal) as an attendee and worshipper at the Mosque, the Council dealt with this matter with absolute impartiality. The entire Shariah Council participated in the hearings and decision-making. Mr. Sultan's claims that the Council acted in a biased manner in favour of Dr. Kamal's daughter are false and unfounded.

I have served as a faith leader in Ireland for many years and hold a reputation nationally and internationally for integrity, fairness, and adherence to Islamic and ethical principles. The Council's deliberations and rulings were made solely on the basis of Islamic jurisprudence, verified evidence, and witness testimony.

Should the Court require any further clarification, supporting documentation, or testimony regarding this case, I remain at its full disposal and am willing to cooperate in every respect.

May Allah guide us all towards justice and fairness.

Respectfully,

Shaykh Dr. Umar Al-Qadri
Chief Imam, Islamic Centre of Ireland



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