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Q: We heard that some people believe that no one should marry or be circumcised in the month of Safar. We would like you to guide us to the truth according to Islamic Shari'ah (Islamic law). May Allah protect you!

A: What is mentioned with regard to the prohibition of marriage or circumcision during the month of Safar is superstition. Being superstitious of months, days, birds and similar animals is not permissible. Al-Bukhari and Muslim reported on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [«There is no 'Adwa \(contagion, disease transmission naturally by itself not by the Decree of Allah\), nor is there any Tiyyarah \(evil omen\), nor is there any Hamah \(pre-Islamic superstitious belief that the bones of a dead person turn into an owl\), nor is there Safar \(the month of Safar was believed to bring bad luck during Jahiliyyah\).»](#) Being superstitious about the month of Safar falls under forbidden pessimism that discourages from acting and is one of the acts of Jahiliyyah (pre-Islamic time of ignorance) that was annulled by Islam.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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