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**Q: Some beliefs say that people should not marry or get circumcised in Safar. We would like you to guide us to the truth in this regard, according to Shari'ah (Islamic law). May Allah protect you.**

**A:** What is mentioned with regard to avoiding marriage or circumcision during Safar is a type of pessimism. Being pessimistic about months, days, birds, and other 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 or disease transmission naturally and not by the Decree of Allah), nor is there any Tiyyarah (evil omen), nor is there any Hamah (the omen of the night bird, i.e. Owl), nor is there (any bad omen in the month of) Safar.»* Being pessimistic about the month of Safar falls under forbidden pessimism. It 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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