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Question: “What is the ruling on a woman riding with a driver or taking public transportation by herself?”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹:

“If there is mixing with men then the ruling is clear: it’s not allowed. But if: 1) there is no mixing, 2) the woman is safe and won’t be abducted as occurs in some places, 3) there is no travelling involved – then it is allowed, otherwise no.”

Question: “What about riding in a taxi by herself with a driver?”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ):

“If the driver is known (to be trustworthy) and religious, and they are in the middle of the city, there is no objection.”

Question: “This isn’t khalwah (the prohibited seclusion between a man and a woman), right?”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ):

“No, it’s not khalwah².”

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² “khalwah in terms of the Legislation is only when the place (where the man and woman are secluded together) is screened such that those outside cannot see what is happening inside” - Shaykh al-Albaanee, fataawaa Jeddah 24/16

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