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FGM in the News

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Egypt: FGM, Women's Rights in Egypt – A Plea for Help



It's very unfortunate that in every month of Ramadan in one of the villages in Upper Egypt they perform collective circumcision of children from both sexes for 30 days and there is a celebration. Even though the government knows about it and it gets published in the media, it doesn't do anything and there's been a law against FGM since 2008, it's of no benefit.

Mali: Amazones d'Afrique, West Africa's Female Powerhouse



These modern day Amazones are defending modern day causes. On their debut album République Amazone they sing out against female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage, prejudice and female oppression, and in favour of equality and empowerment.

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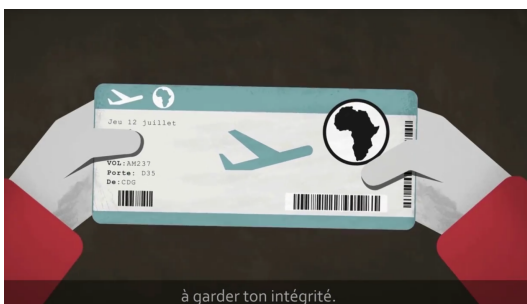
Arab World: Latest Weapon Against Female Genital Mutilation in the Arab World



The number of academic papers that focus on the perennially taboo subject of female genital mutilation has risen steeply since 2011. Research productivity on the topic in 2014 was 80 times higher than it was in 1976. This, say activists and experts, is crucial in the fight to reduce and eliminate the practice, which remains stubbornly prevalent in much of the Arab world.

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France: "J'ai Découvert Mon Excision Lors de Ma Première Consultation Gynécologique"

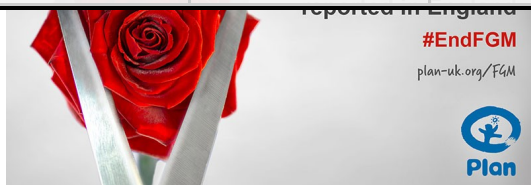


Trois adolescentes sur dix dont les parents sont issus de pays pratiquant l'excision seraient menacées. Maintenant ce sont les adolescentes qui sont touchées. Cela se passe durant des vacances dans le pays d'origine des parents. Ces derniers ne sont pas forcément au courant. Souvent, ce sont les belles-familles, des proches ou les grands-mères qui organisent le rituel à l'insu des parents.

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UK: London Mayor Khan Urged to Lead Campaign on FGM

An estimated 170,000 women and girls in Britain have undergone FGM and 65,000 pre-teen girls are thought to be at risk. The London Assembly report said many believed the emphasis should be on



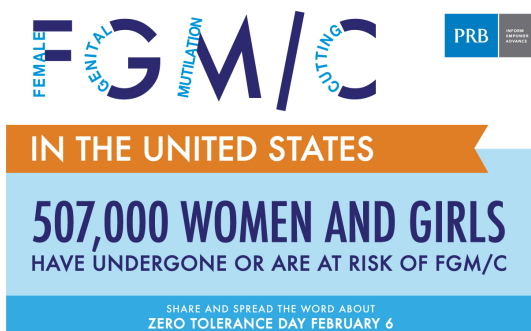
UK: 123 Victims Treated in Wales Last Year



A case of female genital mutilation was discovered every three days, on average, by maternity staff in Wales last year. A further 44 children under the age of 18 were highlighted as vulnerable to the practice.

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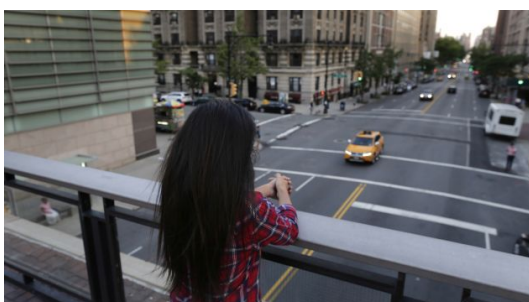
US: Why Female Circumcision Violates Islam



How is it possible that well-educated people (in this case doctors!) could still commit this crime against innocent children, damaging them physically and psychologically for life? Especially when it violates the basic precepts of Islam?

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US: I Underwent FGM as a Child—Right Here in the United States



Last week, an Indian American doctor was arrested in Michigan, charged with performing FGM on two seven-year-old girls. *khatna* has been a mandatory religious practice inflicted on Bohra girls all over the world for generations. Bohras are the only Muslims in India who enforce FGM; it's not a common practice among South Asians or Muslims worldwide, and it's not mentioned in the Koran.

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