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FGM in the News

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Activist Leyla Hussain On Female Genital Mutilation



Kenya: Meet The African Fathers Challenging Harmful Traditions



Three dads in rural Kenya who are standing up and speaking out to stop FGM and early marriage. Not only are they keeping their own daughters safe, they are setting an example to help protect future generations of young girls.

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Nancy Mamai was 10 years old when she was scheduled for a customary ritual to prepare girls in her tribe for marriage: female genital mutilation. But her brothers intervened. "They told our father no," Mamai recalls. "It is too dangerous."

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Liberia: Former Education Minister Kandakai Calls For Protection of Children



The secretary general of Girls Alliance, Aquila Saah, said it's regrettable that after 11 years, President Sireaf's government has not criminalized Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

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Nigeria: Group Raises Awareness on Dangers of Genital Mutilation



Leadership Initiative for Youths Empowerment (LIFE), a non-government organisation has called for the abolition of female genital mutilation, to promote the right of the girl-child in the country.

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Senegal: Breaking the Cycle of FGM



Click to see **Al Jazeera's multimedia webpage on FGM in Senegal**. Although FGM was banned in Senegal in 1999, the practice remains widespread. By law, a child's parents and those who conduct the FGM could face a five-year prison sentence.

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Sénégal: 94% Des Filles Sont Excisées (Région de Sédhiou)



pratique courante qui menace la santé de la reproduction. 94% des filles sont excisées dans cette partie sud du Sénégal. Cette révélation est faite par Adama Diop, sage-femme au poste de santé de Dembo Coly.

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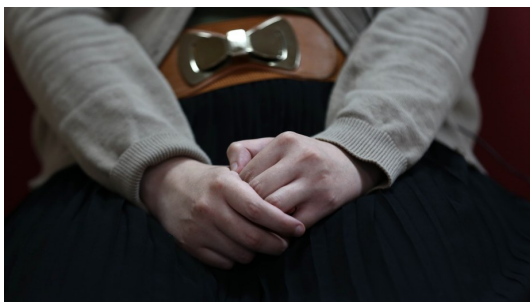
Tanzania: Tarime Children Want Tormentors to Be Sanctioned



Children of Tarime District in Mara Region have called for stiff legal measures to be taken against people who violate their rights, including rapists and female genital mutilation (FGM) perpetrators during commemorations of the 2017 Day of the African Child.

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UK: Health Professionals Encourage People to Be Aware of FGM



Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust's Black and Minority Ethnic team are working to raise awareness among local communities before the summer holidays, a time when girls are more at risk of being taken abroad to undergo FGM.

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US: Texas Expands Ban on Female Genital Mutilation

Texas took a stand against female genital mutilation (FGM) by shoring up its existing ban with a bill that intends to prosecute individuals who transport girls



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US: 4th Person Charged in Detroit Genital Mutilation Case



A Detroit-area wife and mother accused of being involved in a federal FGM case was arrested Wednesday and released hours later. She is charged with conspiracy to commit FGM.

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US: The Law in a Female Genital Cutting Case



Under no circumstances am I defending FGM. To the contrary, I am consulting with a religious group and advocating the practice's total abolition and the substitution of a benign, sterilized, symbolic pinprick in the hood covering the clitoris, which is much like the foreskin of the penis.

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