12608 - An example of the dangers of internet chat between the sexes

the question

I have been using chat session for some time I am a married woman mother of two. During one session with a Male member, i got a little emotionally involved and even went to the extent of sending my photo thru email.I feel very guilty now and feel very ashamed of my behaviour.I also want to say that i never once indulged in immoral behaviour and any usage of bad language. Please tell me if what i have done is Haram. I have been asking for Almighty Allahs pardon since then. Could you please help me out in this.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Firstly, there is no doubt that such conversations, if they lead to evil and to fitnah (temptation) – as happened to you when you were infatuated with this man – are haraam and are not permitted. Everything that leads to haraam is also haraam. See the answer to Question # 6453.

Secondly: you have to repent to Allaah and seek His forgiveness for doing this haraam thing. You have to regret it and immediately stop engaging in chats with non-mahram men on these channels. You have to ask Allaah to cover your faults in this world and in the Hereafter. We advise you to use your time in things that will benefit you in your religious and worldly affairs, such as learning about your religion, taking care of your husband and looking after your children. Undoubtedly these are things for which Allaah will reward you. And you have to do a lot of righteous deeds, and get to know good women so that you will have alternatives to harmful uses of your time that bring no benefits. We ask Allaah to guide us all and give us all strength.