12693 - She purified herself following her menses then she saw some drops of blood

the question

After a woman purified herself, she started to see some small drops of blood. Should she break her fast and stop praying, or what should she do?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Women’s problems with their menses are endless, and one of the causes of that is their use of contraceptive pills and pills used to prevent menstruation.

People never used to face such problems before. It is true that there have always been some problems since the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) came and since women were created, but this situation where people are so confused is something regrettable. However, the basic principle is that if a woman becomes pure (her period ends) and she sees the tuhr (white discharge) which signals that her period has indeed ended, then any brownish or yellowish discharge that she sees after that, or any drops or wetness, is not menses, so it does not prevent her form praying, fasting or having intercourse with her husband, because it is not menses.

Umm ‘Atiyyah (may Allah be pleased with her) said: “We used not to regard the yellowish or brownish discharge after the tuhr as anything important.” Narrated by al-Bukhaari. Abu Dawood added the phrase “after the tuhr”. Its isnaad is saheeh.

Based on this we say: Everything that happens after the definite tuhr does not affect the woman and it does not prevent her from praying, fasting and having intercourse with her husband. But she should not be in a hurry to see the tuhr because some women, when the flow becomes lighter, hasten to do ghusl before seeing the tuhr. Hence the women of the Sahaabah used to send pieces

of cotton to the Mother of the Believers ‘Aa’ishah on which there were traces of yellow, and she would say to them: “Do not hasten until you see the white discharge.”