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’Umm ‘Atiyyah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: “We were forbidden to follow funeral processions, but the prohibition was not mandatory for us.”

[Authentic] [Agreed upon]

’Umm ‘Atiyyah al-Ansāriyyah (may Allah be pleased with her) reports that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) prohibited women from walking with funeral processions. This was due to concerns about potential temptation for them and through them and their limited patience. However, she (may Allah be pleased with her) also mentioned that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) did not emphasize this prohibition as strongly as he did with other forbidden matters.

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