

## Euthanasia – What the Shariah Enjoins? ♦

Islamic Shariah lays greatest emphasis on the safety of human life. The person concerned and the others are under obligation to ensure the safety of one's life.

- 11.1 To redeem a patient from unbearable pain or to relieve the relatives of the patients from the burden of heavy treatment expenses, to take any such step that causes the death of the patient is absolutely forbidden. It is illegal rather a sinful act of homicide.
- 11.2 No lethal medicine should be administered to the patient. It is also not permissible to discontinue the treatment despite having resources for it, to see that the patient dies an early death.