

## **Information on Miscarried Fetus** **(Islamically)**

The general principle regarding stillborns is if the fetus was dead in the uterus or was not alive at the time of birth then there is no ghusl or salatul Janazah.

However, there are other opinions on this matter which are listed below.

- If the fetus is less than four months old (mother was pregnant for less than four months), then the fetus may not be washed; the fetus should be wrapped in a piece of white cloth and buried. Then there is no Salatul Janazah for this fetus.
- If the fetus is more than four months old (mother was pregnant for more than four months ), then the fetus may be washed, shrouded (using one winding sheet to cover the whole body), and then Muslims have the choice of whether to perform Salatul Janazah or not.

## **Information on Death Certificates for Miscarried Fetus** **(Legally)**

- If the miscarriage occurs prior to 20 weeks of gestation, then it is considered an unrecorded fetal death and no death certificate will be issued.
- If the miscarriage occurs at 20 weeks of gestation or more, then it is considered a recorded fetal death and a fetal death certificate will be issued.
- If the fetus is delivered and shows signs of life (regardless of gestational period) it is considered a live birth and a normal death certificate will be issued.