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Imam detained over marrying 2 sisters off to a man

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A tribal elder and prayer leader, who conducted marriage between two sisters and a man, has been arrested in Khewa district of eastern Nangarhar province, an official said on Saturday.

Attaullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told a press conference here that the girls and their family had accused 15 individuals of being involved in the forbidden act.

The girl nicknamed Saima had told reporters at the Nangarhar Women's Affairs department on November 20 that her husband on the very first night of their marriage accused her of losing her virginity before the wedlock and the same night married her younger sister.

Khogyani said the provincial administration was serious in investigating the matter and finding main reason behind the issue. All the perpetrators involved would be arrested soon.

According to Khogyani, the Imam marrying the two sisters to one man, named Malak Ikram, also a tribal elder, was involved and had been recently detained by security forces.

He assured the provincial administration would give the victim girls their rights and allow no one to violate their rights.

However, the man's second wife – the younger sister --had alleged in a video that she was happy with the marriage.

Meanwhile, the Nangarhar attorney said the Imam during interrogation had claimed the second wife married the man after giving divorce to his first wife.