

**NEIN, NEIN, NEIN! NICHT VOR ZWANZIG UHR! ES IST GESETZ!**

*(No, No, No! Not Before 2000 Hours! It Is The Law!)*

The city of Hamburg, some time ago, enacted a law to the effect that all self-employed ladies of the night may not engage in their chosen profession before 8:00 p.m., Monday to Sunday.

The logic, behind the law that imposed this curfew on prostitutes, was that, by 8:00 p.m., all youngsters, defined as children, up to the age of 12 years, should be off the streets and, therefore, they could not be corrupted by the prostitutes, all of whom are legally required to be licensed by the police.

In an area of Hamburg, known to the locals as 'Little Istanbul', one can note that, on most corners, there are the ladies of the night, trying to ply their trade.

There is, also, that other popular, red-light district, known as St. Pauli, where one may view the ladies of the night, standing on street corners, awaiting the arrival of any and all horny males.

The cost of engaging the services of a prostitute starts from about €30, **TARGET** (泰達財經) confirmed, and can go as high as a person is willing to pay for his (or her) part-time paramour, depending, of course, on the type of service(s) that he (or she) requires.

But the life of a prostitute is not all that it might have been cracked up to be in the movies: It is a very hard life; and, it is not a particularly lucrative one, at least, not in Hamburg.



**St. Pauli: A Street Scene**

The average income per night of a Hamburg prostitute, who may have come from any of the Baltic States or any country of the European Union, regardless of her physical attributes, is about €150 (about \$HK1,500).

Out of that sum of money, the prostitute is required by law to have a physical examination not less than once per week and the document, issued by a qualified physician, who is designated by the relevant Authority, indicating that the prostitute is free of any communicable disease, must be carried on her person, at all times.

In the event that a prostitute does contract a communicable disease, that is the end of her career – forever.

Since prostitution is legal in Hamburg, some enterprising ladies of the night have established private clubs whereby lonely (or well-healed) men and/or women may, after paying an entrance fee to enter the club, sit with a well-groomed and well-educated lady, purchase a bottle of champagne, sharing it with the lady, of course, and engage her in conversation until the champagne runs out.

If the prostitute and her '*john*' determine that they would like to take their relationship to the next stage, there are rooms, available in the upper floors, that may be rented for a short period of time in order to consummate whatever might follow.

In addition, sex clubs abound in Hamburg and, in Little Istanbul, while the wives of devout Muslims, stay at home, cleaning house and/or looking after the fruits of the marriage, the husband is able to unwind from the rigours of his commercial trade by visiting a sex club and indulging in a variety of activities, depending on his mood on any one evening ... or his sexual preference for the night, for that matter.

As for the wife, she is required by the Qur'an to obey her husband in all things and to stay at home, awaiting the return of her legal spouse.

But the Muslim men do not have it all their own way because many of the wives of these devout Muslims have discovered a way to thwart strict Qur'anic law.

These ladies are known, popularly, as '*green widows*'.

This term refers to the wife of a devout Muslim businessman, or any other married woman, who takes a lover, during the hours that her husband is working – in the matrimonial home and, obviously, engaging in extramarital-relations in the marriage bed.

While the Western World might refer to this situation as being tit-for-tat, it seems that it is widely practised and many, if not most, of the husbands are well aware that their subservient Muslim spouses might well be '*having it off*' with another male, during the hours of work of the husband.

Beneath that black gown that covers the wife of a devout Muslim businessman, from head to foot, it appears that there lurks, after all, the wantonness of a hardest-working prostitute, roaming the streets of Hamburg in the areas, known as Little Istanbul and St Pauli.

Not only do Muslim women engage in this practice in order to while away their time when husbands are away from home, but other German wives have taken up the sexual challenge, indulging in promiscuous activities, also.

But it is the black-robed wives of many a Muslim businessman of Hamburg – most of the men, being hypocrites of the first order – advertising their chosen religious beliefs in the manner of the strict and severe, black-dress code, that, to many Germans of Hamburg, have determined to be singled out due to these ladies' open abhorrence of legal prostitutes of the city.

(The Qur'an forbids prostitution.)

While acting in a similar manner to the many hundreds of prostitutes that colour street corners in Little Istanbul and St. Pauli, without the requirement of being registered with the police as prostitutes or having to endure that humiliating weekly physical examination by a registered physician in order to determine that they have not got more than that for which they bargained, these Muslim ladies have the best of all worlds:

- An amorous and well-endowed lover, when the spirit moves him and when the lady is clucky;
- A home and all of the chattels, demanded by the wife;
- An income, greater, in most cases, to that which a registered prostitute could earn, standing on a street corner, even in the *'high'* season; and,
- The rights that are afforded to any and all legal, Muslim wives in accordance with the suras of the Qur'an.

As for the prostitutes of Hamburg, to many people in this city, they are just ladies, engaged in another profession.

In fact, they are engaged in the oldest profession of the world, dating back to the times before Gaius Julius Caesar (100 B.C. – 44 B.C.).

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