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THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF MUSLIM CHILDREN IN POLYGAMOUS MARRIAGES

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Introduction

Childhood¹ is supposed to be one of the tremendous things in life to be remembered. Having no responsibility in life and being dependant towards one's parents is the normal life of a child. Every human being faces his or her childhood days, as a natural process of life. However, not everybody would like to recall what he has gone through in life, especially during his younger days; as some of the events which happen in one's life might cause heartbreak. This situation usually arises when there is instability in family affairs, which derives from the failure of the parents to curb the problems of that household. Living with a father who has more than one family to take care may not be acceptable thing to the normal life of a child. What is a child's understanding on his father's responsibilities where the father contracts another marriage, and how can this situation affect the children's life?