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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Questioner: O noble Shaykh, what is the ruling on a woman being a soldier in the military; is this resemblance of the Jews and the Christians?

Shaykh Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: This is not permissible; it is not permissible for a woman to be a soldier in the military. The woman is not from those who perform Jihaad. This is to burden her beyond her scope of ability, and to expose her to trials, and evil, and to remove her from her femininity. To task her with the job of men is not permissible. This is from the actions of the disbelievers; this is not from the actions of the Muslims. The Muslims do not make soldiers out of women; they do not make women into soldiers. This is only from the actions of the disbelievers, or from the actions of the Arabs who are upon the path of the disbelievers, from the communist, Baathists, and other than them. And they are not used as a proof.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him