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The Effect of the Residual Stain of Eyeliner on the Performance of Ablution - 8 /Sep/ 2019

Q.! When we use eyeliner or eyebrow pencil, there usually remains a residual stain even after wiping off the cosmetic agent, such that if we rub a clean white cloth firmly on that part of the face, it absorbs a very light stain. Does this residual stain obstruct the performance of the ablutions of *wuḍū* and *ghusl*?

A.! If the residual stain lacks tangible substance (*jirm*),^[1] it does not prevent water from reaching the skin and as such does not harm the correct performance of the ablutions of *wuḍū* and *ghusl*. If, however, it does partake of tangible substance, it must be removed prior to performing ablution.

[1] Color is said to partake of *jirm*, or tangible substance, if it is accompanied by tangible matter that can prevent water from reaching the skin. Oil paint, for instance, partakes of tangible substance. The mark left behind by a Magic Marker, on the other hand, especially after it becomes dry, may be said to be devoid of tangible substance.