

# اللغة العربية

«جَوْعَى»



## Question

In Egypt they use the word **جَوْعَانَة** in stead of **جَوْعَى** as the feminine of **جَوْعَانُ** .

Is it possible to use this in classical Arabic or would that be wrong?

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



Dear Sister fulaanah

السلام عليكم

You say Egyptians say جَوْعَانَةٌ.

Yes, they use this in their dialect, but not in الفُصْحَى.

This word is not correct, and should not be used in the *fuṣḥā*.

But Egyptians use رَأْسٌ as feminine in the *fuṣḥā* which is wrong. In Arabic this word is masculine.

I hope this has helped you.

والسلام,

abdur rahim