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Chief Sources:
A. The Quran.
B. The Sunnah (authentic tradition of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him)).
C. The Ijma (consensus of opinion)
D. The Qiyas (judgment upon juristic analogy)

Supplementary Sources:
A. Istislah (unprecedented judgment motivated by public interest to which neither the Quran nor the Sunnah explicitly refer)
B. Urf (the custom and the usage of a particular society, both in speech and in action)

In Other words, two kinds may be articulated as GOD made laws and manmade laws as the first two sources are the GOD made laws and the rest are the Manmade laws, though the in Islamic Law the understanding of the manmade laws are based on GOD made laws but extracted by the jurists and he experts. The GOD made laws are absolute and authoritative one and is the principally provide the bases for all kinds of legal understandings. The GOD made laws are based on the revealed and derived there from and from the authoritativeness of the Beloved Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) being law giver and interpreter of the laws.

The man made laws are derived from the authority of the ruler (Khalafat) (keen in accordance to the principal articulated in Qur’an and Sunnah). Here it is pertinent to mention that the authority of the Almighty ALLAH is ultimate sovereign and the authority of the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) is manifesto sovereign and the authority of the Ruler/Khalafat is vicegerency.

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1. (Al-hukam u Shairee by Dr. Tahir ul Qadri).
And it has been defined in four (4) different divisions as understood by the jurists including the jurist of the time known as Dr Tahir ul Qadri, the last extracted classification of the Legal Order/ Al-Hukum u Shari\textsuperscript{8} after meeting the evaluation from the day one to this date as designed by the jurists and Now the Legal value under the Islamic Jurisprudence after taking its gradual evaluation of understanding is in juxtaposition for due understanding is as

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The aim/purposes of the Islamic Law is under the principal of Maslaha (the welfare/public interest)\textsuperscript{6} Imam Ghazali defined as, “Maslaha is general purposes in the Divine Law for the preservation of five (5) essentials of human beings as Din (religion) life, intellect, offspring and property.”\textsuperscript{6} Furtherance herein the Imam Ghazali said that Health is a necessary condition to the preservation of life. Indeed, it is an essential requirement for the establishment of God’s law in human life, for it is only healthy human beings that can properly implement this law in human society, “A proper understanding and implementation of religion, from the standpoint of both knowledge and worship, can only be arrived at through physical health and life preservation”. Hence, Islam places health as second in importance to faith. The Prophet says: “Second to faith, no one has ever been given a greater blessing than health”.\textsuperscript{7} In another hadith, the Prophet defines the relative importance of health and wealth: “Wealth is of no harm to a God-fearing person, but to the God-fearing, health is better than wealth”.\textsuperscript{8} Another hadith gives us the proper perspective of the essential things in life: “Whoever of you gets up in the morning feeling physically healthy, enjoying security and having his food for the day is like one who has the world at his fingertips”. By contrast, health places on us a great responsibility, for which we are accountable to God. The Prophet says:

“The first thing every servant of God will have to account for on the Day of Judgement is that God will ask him: ‘Have I not given you a healthy constitution?’” The Prophet is also quoted as saying: “No one will be allowed to move from his position on the Day of Judgement until he has been asked how he spent his life, how he used his knowledge, how he earned and spent his money, and in what pursuits he used his health.”\textsuperscript{8} The Classical jurists said that the Maslah is the important legal principal.\textsuperscript{9} And some jurists declared it as independent source of law.\textsuperscript{10} The Islamic Jurisprudence under the teaching of the Islam gave great importance to human health and life and its systems from different angles covers the health of the human life.\textsuperscript{11} As the health and its guidance has been persuaded.\textsuperscript{12} The Quranic concept is very much clear signifying the importance to the human health time and again.\textsuperscript{13} The Islamic Law and Islamic Jurisprudence gave the great importance to the human health, its safety and security above of all obligations.\textsuperscript{14} That’s why the health principal articulated in Islamic System is more curable and healthy towards human health.\textsuperscript{15}

Herein under, I would to draw the kind attention towards the Doctrine of necessity under Islamic Jurisprudence as even obligatory demand from a follower is ordered to be suspended in serious need for the human health and Security till the normalization. That amount that wherever, whenever is need to suspend even the obligation for the safety of the human health & security, the obligation would be suspended

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\textsuperscript{5} Al Hukum u Shari By Dr. Tahir ul Qadri
\textsuperscript{7} http://www.thepenmagazine.net/the-value-of-health/
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It is very much significant to keep always in consideration that the principally the obligations and the Forbidden under the Islamic Legal Order (Value) shall be suspended/repeal its compliance and practice in case of serious need and necessity. And the need and necessity has been defined by the jurists and it has been elaborated already above, wherein Imam Ghazali defined it very well and once again herein the Need/necessity mean, “To obtain the benefit and restrain the loss” and “An action, which deserve the human health and Security of life while protecting the Aims of Islamic value/order”. And the Aims have been identified therein as: -

A- Din
B- Life
C- Sound mind
D- Offspring
E- Property

An action, which requires for the protection of the above five (5) shall be considered as Need/Necessity under the Legal value/order, which is appreciable in Islamic jurisprudence and Islamic Law and losing them is not depreciable in Islamic Jurisprudence and Islamic law, herein it is very much clear that what need means in Islamic value/order. As it has been derived as a main Principal by the jurists under the Islamic Jurisprudence to be followed and complied fully in accordance is as said by Almighty ALLAH

فمن اضطر غير باغ ولا عاد فلا اثم عليه إن الله غفور رحيم

But he who is faced with a survival condition (forced by necessity), neither defying (Allah’s injunctions seeking taste of lust), nor transgressing (the limit of necessity), then Allah is surely Most Forgiving, Ever-Merciful.

And after the need is over in protecting the aims, the obligation and forbidden shall be complied and practiced as it was limited in its scope for suspension in case of need. Again it has been principled by the jurists as,

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means serious & material pressure to do with two kinds, eternal fear and external threat. The principal in Islamic jurisprudence and Islamic Law is with the change of the time and space, the legal value/order shall be varied in principal. Which is flexibility in Islamic Jurisprudence towards the humanity and humanism and herein-from the Doctrine of Necessity is invoked and derived.

Under the versus of the holy Qur’aan as mentioned above are permitting the deserving measure...
as in case of absence of water the legal value/order of ablution or bath shall be repealed/suspended with Tayamam (تَصْلُيَّة) and during the journey it is favour/reduction in Salat (صلاة) and Fasting (صيام) Haaj (حج) and Zakaat (زكاة) shall not be applicable over incompetent.

Further there from shall be considered under the same principal of Doctrine of Necessity as

When the principal from the main source of the Islamic jurisprudence, the Qur’an says that the prudent/need/necessity in coercive and forced time saving life, shall prevail over the obligation or forbidden as highlighted and envisaged therein, which enlightened the subject like crystal with the words as: 

But he who is forced by coercively being neither disobedient nor transgressing will not incur any sin on himself (if he eats that much which is required to survive). Allah is, indeed, Most Forgiving, Ever-Merciful, and it projects the human health, life and security is most honourable. That in coercive and forced need/necessity (coercive and forced one), the need/necessity shall prevail, it has been defined by the jurists under the Islamic jurisprudence as: نَبَغَ دَاءٌ فَلْيُسْتَهْلَكْ يَا مَعِينٌ (coercive and forced need/necessity) means coercive necessity permits the forbidden and another principal is ما يِنفِّض اِلْفَرْزُوْرَةْ فَيُؤْنِدُهَا (not there by). Permission is to beat the coercive need (not thereafter).

The crux of the abovementioned explanations means that in saving the life and security in coercive and forced time, the forbidden is permitted to utilize till the need is over, which is called the Doctrine of Necessity in Islamic jurisprudence.

The one who disbelieves after having believed, except someone who is coercively forced to do so, and at heart remains contention with belief (as before), but (of course) he who (adopts) disbelief (afresh) wholeheartedly with an open mind, on them is a wrath of course he who (adopts) disbelief (afresh) wholeheartedly with an open mind, on them is a wrath.

No flexibility would be there as Almighty ALLAH gave through Qur’an to humanity in the name of the health and security of human life as the believe on the ultimate oneness on ALMIGHTY ALLAH is the core and main demand from the believer/follower and it may be suspended in dare need of the security of human life remaining intact by heart.

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The base of the mentioned explanatory principals is on the saying of the Beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) "لا ضرر ولا ضرار" as Neither harm nor reciprocation, which has been narrated in the book of Iba-e-Majha 2nd vellum page 784 Hadeeth No: - 2341 35 and another place the beloved Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) responded as narrated therein book of Musnad of Imam Ahmad Hadeeth No:- 22246 over the question facing the coercive and forced need option-less but to eat dead as had been said 40 and added the same 41 and in it has been added in case of refusal to obey the principal of need/prudent/necessity shall be sinner (as the suicide is forbidden in Islam) and in case death shall be a forbidden death 42 and it has been added that the limit of need/prudent/necessity shall not be crossed 43. The coercive and forced need/prudent/necessity has been divided in five kinds and defined when this principal shall be applicable 44. And Imam Ahmad Raza Khan said that in case of failure to undertake the compliance it and dies, shall be forbidden death 45. The principal of forbidden or obligation shall be held in absence and shall be uplifted till the need/prudent/necessity is over or fear to death is over. Hereunder is the principal derived by the jurists are as follows:

1. "Certainty of presumption for procurement from haram/forbidden is permissible when others are not reachable"

"The beloved Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) answered when he was questioned about treatment as, "إِنَّمَا فَيَاللَّهِ السَّيَاحَةُ لَمْ يَضْعَفْ دَاءَ أَلَّا وَضْعَ مَعَهُ شَفَاءَ إِلَّا أَلْهَزِمُ" "تَدَاوُوْا عَيْدَاءً" 53

"Yes, O worshipers of Allah! Use remedies. For indeed Allah did not make a disease but He made a cure for it - or - 'a remedy, except for old age.' The jurists seriously consider the new developments in medications towards the procurement and safety of human health as enriched by the experts of the relevant subjects even through the inadmissible/forbidden/haram for the greater interest.
Based on the doctrine of necessity under the Islamic Jurisprudence, the jurists permitted the forbidden in the greater interest of the human being honouring the alive as if the pregnant died having the alive fetus, the minimum surgery shall be undertaken to have fetus out. And there are vide number of the examples and the precedents permitted the prohibited or forbidden or haram to use in saving the human life by the jurists under the Islamic Jurisprudence.

Those are some examples reflecting that the Islamic jurisprudence projects the Legal value/order for the safety of human health and security of life above all the obligations. The legal system provided by the Islamic Law over the Doctrine of Necessity particularly and significantly is very much clear that how 1400 years before codified, which is still covering the shield and providing the safety, care, honor and dignity. Surprising that it has the flexibility in the name of the humanity under the Doctrine of Necessity in Islamic Jurisprudence.