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Words Of Haq By An Advocate

Re: Government allows restricted religious worship

Below is a transcript of a brother advocate who has commented on the government's restricted allowance of religious worship after Moolana Bham (the secretary general of Fordsburg Jamiat) had made certain comments in some of his interviews. In his interviews, he (Moolana Bham) made it sound that he and his clique (the friends of the Kuffar known as uucsa) were 'happy' and 'welcomed' the opening of the Masaajid by the government. Whereas, not too long ago, Moolana Bham's Jamiat and his clique (uucsa and other professionals including their doctors and lawyers) showed the Ummah that they OPPOSED the OPENING of the Masaajid in the court where they became CONFIRMED Enemies of Allah and friends of the Kuffar!

Their blatant OPPOSITION of the court case of the Applicants who tried to seek a LEGAL leeway to gain the opening of the Masaajid (and other religious places of worship), had a negative impact on Bham's Jamiat and uucsa from the Muslim public. We have also been informed by Muslims that they stopped their contributions to this clique who OPPOSED something which every Muslim desired – the opening of the Masaajid!

We once more remind every Haq-seeking Muslim NOT to contribute even ONE CENT to uucsa, Moolana Bham's Jamiat – *including ALL their offices in the various regions* – and Radio so-called "Islam"! These groups are of Baatil, modernism and liberalism. Besides the Masaajid issue, they are acting like dumb people regarding the KUFFAR SHI'AS in South Africa! Lately, we have NOT seen anything on the Shi'a issue forthcoming from them. Why? Are the Kuffar Shi'as filling their pockets? Since they are quick in issuing statements on all other aspects, but have never issued any clear and unambiguous Fatwa as to whether the Shi'as are Kuffar or not, makes one think.

ADVOCATE YUSUF DOCRAT'S STATEMENT

Assalaamualaikum Warahmatullaah

One would think that after an announcement that the Masaajid will be opened that I will join this chorus of people praising organizations such as uucsa for their efforts. I'm not one of those and I'm not one of those is because uucsa itself, moulana bham, jusa, the mjc have been nothing short of hypocritical in the manner in which they approached the question of the masaajid.

Not too long ago, perhaps 6 weeks or a bit longer they actively opposed an application by Muslims to reopen the Masaajid. The application was to declare the provisions of the regulations that rendered congregational prayer unlawful and unconstitutional.

And in that application and in their public pronouncements preceding that case and subsequent to the case, they presented to this Ummah a version that there is a principle objection to the opening of the Masaajid and the establishment of the 5 daily Salaah in congregation because such activity according to them would lead to illness and death, and according to them the Maqaasid of saving lives in the Shariah trumped any perceived obligation or recommendation or desire to perform Salaah in Jamaat.

This was their position. This is the position they used to undermine those who considered the Shariah to have a very different position, considered the Shariah to require at all times that the congregational Salaah be established in the Masaajid. As time moved on, it became quite clear, I would imagine to uucsa, that the position it had taken was untenable. It must have become clear to all of them that far from the 1 week or 2 week that they perhaps thought they could sacrifice the question of congregational prayer. This was going to be a long term question.

So what did they do? They supposedly made representations in which they seek from government the gradual relaxation of the law against congregational prayer and in effect what they tabled before government was in principle no different to what the applicants they initially opposed had sought from the court.

Today, when the announcement was made that places of worship will be opened, it was quite farcical to hear someone like moulana bham express gratitude, recite verses from Qur'an establishing the significance of congregational prayer and worship. And I just wonder whether it has struck him, and struck those who had taken similar positions that they have done untold damage to this Deen. They have reduced in the eyes of this Ummah, in the eyes of young people in the eyes of society at large the significance of worship. They subordinated the Fardh of shariah to what is in fact considered in law to be subordinate legislation in the form of regulations. But the blatant hypocrisy, this about turn, this shameless change in direction is a matter that should concern this Ummah. And I don't wish to be involved in personal attacks on any individual, but I do think that this ummah needs to consider very carefully who it wishes to have as its spokespeople.

Do we really want people who call themselves ulama, who blow hot and cold, who change as the day does to night as the night does to day, who change from the warmth of summer to the cold of winter, in an instant? Who are able to move between princip;es that are contradictory in an instant? Who constantly feel the need to panel beat, to massage to manipulate and ultimately to compromise the Deen purely, so that it fits in with what they perceive to be the correct government policy? Do we really as an Ummah require that? Should we not be saying to people who see government policy as the furqaan as the criterion of right and wrong - should we not be saying to them well that is your right but please join the political party in question, but don't use the deen, don't use your title as moulana to assert what is essentially a political essential?

Is it not time that we as an Ummah look at what the true role is of the ulama in our society? Is it not time that we sat down and worked out what we understand to be our role as Muslims? Is it not time that we truly sat and reflected on what we believe on whether we truly understand the question of sovereignty of Allah and of Tawheed?

Are we really going to sell every foundational principle of this Deen, out of fear of political expediency, or as a strategy or as what people these days call as hikmah, wisdom? Where does it end?

So Alhamdulillah, Allah has willed that the congregational prayer continue. Let it not be said that this has come from the representations or the hikmah or the ability or the wisdom of uucsa or from the mjc or from jusa. This has come despite their activity it has come despite what they have tried to achieve which is the closure of the Masaajid, and it must be a sobering thought I should hope for their representatives to understand that Allah is the best of planners. And whatever acts of political expediency they think that they are achieving it is not them that is control but Allah, and on Allah lies the result, and on us is the obligation to make the effort.

I ask this Ummah in S.A. to reflect and to consider very carefully whether we truly recognize Allah as the Lord of lords, the King of kings, the Sovereign, the only true legislator. If we do then Insha Allah it will manifest in us not succumbing to political pressure to our supposed sense of political wisdom or expediency. Insha Allah this will lead us to be principled people whom even our enemies respect. Because we do not bow down, care and succumb out of fear and because we court favour. May Allah guide this Ummah. Assalaamulaikum Warahmatullah.