

HILAAL SIGHTINGS – A SHAR'I OBLIGATION ON THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

IRRELIGIOUS ENTITIES (NNB JAMIAT, MJC AND ITS BOGUS 'UUCSA') MAKING A MOCKERY OF THE SHARIAH

Whenever the moon is seen daily, it is Sunnat to recite a Dua, the translation of which is: "*O Allah! I seek refuge with you from the evil (sharr) of the darkness of this object (the moon).*"

The
sharr (evil)

of the moon appears to have become embedded in the brains of these entities masquerading as representatives of the Deen. It is for this reason that the moon is being utilized by the miscreant bodies for ulterior worldly and nafsani motives.

This Islamic year (1435), considerable doubt has generated around the circumstances of the Johannesburg hilaal-sightings and the NNB Jamiat's announcement. We at Mujlisul Ulama, had accepted the announcement, not on the basis of the word of the NNB Jamiat, but on the confirmation by the Waterval Islamic Institute (Mia's Farm). However, it has transpired that Waterval Islamic Institute had made its confirmation on the basis of the NNB Jamiat's announcement.

It should be made clear that we attach no credibility to the word of the NNB Jamiat of Fordsburg and its paper puppet, Bogus 'uucsa'. Such important injunctions of the Shariah as Ramadhaan and Eid may not be determined on the basis of the claims and testimony of the

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Fussaaq of the NNB Jamiat/Bogus 'uucsa'.

Initially, there was no apprehension and the Muslim community with the exception of a segment of the Qabar Pujaari community in Durban, accepted the news and celebrated Eid. The doubts and uncertainty were not raised by us, but by numerous Muslims and organizations all over the country. In view of the developing controversy, the NNB Jamiat, felt constrained to issue a statement in its defence, hence on the 'stolen' letterhead of its puppet, paper body, 'uucsa', the NNB Jamiat of Fordsburg circulated its statement in self-vindication.

Defending itself, the NNB Jamiat asked: *"What conceivable benefit will the Ulama derive from fabricating the sighting of the moon?"*

It is well-known that the NNB Jamiat led by Reverend Abraham Bham has for years endeavoured to forge Eid together with Southern African states. The Reverend has a voracious appetite for *hubb-e-jah (love of cheap and despicable name and fame)*. He is perennially present at numerous futile, immoral and haraam functions and gatherings seeking the limelight to exhibit himself. Hitherto this gang has been thwarted from the realization of their dream of being the sole representatives of the Ulama Fraternity of South Africa and of the Muslim community.

The moon is now being used as a stratagem or as a plot to achieve the despicable ulterior motive of leadership and Eid with Saudi Arabia where hilaal-sighting is not the determinant for commencing Ramadhaan and celebrating Eid.

The NNB Jamiat of Fordsburg felt it imperative to vindicate its position, hence its elaborate statement to establish credibility which it lacks.

Disgoring a contemptible falsity, the NNB Jamiat states in its circular: *"South Africa enjoys a Hilaal verification structure which is difficult to find anywhere else in the world.(sic!) The Central Hilaal Committee is made up of two individuals from each of the seven affiliate members of uucsa (Bogus ucsa –The Majlis)"*

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This is pulling wool over the eyes of the Muslim community. There is no such "Hilaal verification structure" on the ground in South Africa. The 'structure' about which the NNB Jamiat of Fordsburg boasts is a paper structure having no existence on the ground. The best hilaal structure in South Africa is in Cape Town known as the *Maan Kykers (Moon Sighters)*

. They have been in existence for generations. Although the Maan Kykers are affiliated to the MJC, they (the Maan Kykers) rejected the decision of NNB Jamiat's uucsa on the moon issue. This is evidenced from the minutes of the meeting which Bogus uucsa held recently in Tongaat.

The NNB Jamiat was piqued by the Maan Kykers' rejection of Bogus uucsa's moon-announcement decision. Thus the NNB Jamiat's clique lamented at the meeting:

*"The MJC however needs to clarify the exact status of the maankykers who have historically played a very significant function in the monthly sighting of the moon. However, it seems that despite the MJC's assurance that they function as a subsidiary of the MJC, **the fact that they did not accept UUCSA's reviewed moon announcement a few months ago indicates that they operate autonomously from the MJC.***

MI E Bham will seek clarity from the MJC on the matter."

This year, although the Johannesburg sighting was allegedly confirmed even before the actual Maghrib Salaat was performed, and also by a handful of alleged sightings elsewhere immediately after Maghrib Salaat, the NNB Jamiat delayed its announcement until after an hour into Isha' time. **What was the reason for this delay?** The reason is not a conundrum for those who understand the behind-the-scenes shenanigans of the NNB Jamiat displaying its bogus uucsa banner. The desire of these rogues is not obedience to the Shariah. Their insane craving is to forge a hallucinated 'unity' at all cost, because such a fake unity promises leadership to the Reverend Abraham Bham. But, without the Maankykers approval, there would be no 'united' Eid. If the Maan Kykers had held firm as they had last year, Eid would not have been celebrated on Monday 28

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July.

The NNB Jamiat delayed in making its announcement in anticipation of gaining the approval of the Maan Kykers who are not part of Bogus uucsa's hallucination of its world-best 'hilaal verification structure'. The Maan Kykers are entirely independent, having existed for many generations. Reverend Abraham Bham had applied pressure on his MJC cohorts to twist the arm of the Maan Kykers into an agreement – to accept the NNB Jamiat's announcement. To this they very reluctantly succumbed. Once the the NNB Jamiat shenanigans had

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accomplished the goal, Reverend Bham made the announcement very belatedly.

In its statement, Bogus uucsa states:

"The horizon was extremely clear. There was not a cloud in sight and no haze at all. Uucsa (i.e. Bogus uucsa) is satisfied that the moon was sighted by a total of twenty two individuals in 5 different locations of Gauteng..."

Gauteng has approximately a quarter million Muslims or more. The skies were "extremely clear with not a cloud and no haze at all." Why did only 22 individuals sight the moon in such favourable conditions when thousands of Muslims throughout the province must have been eagerly searching for the Eid moon?

When sighting conditions are extremely favourable, the Shariah stipulates for the validity of the sighting *Jamm-e-Ghafeer*. That is, such large crowds whose testimony cannot be discounted or attributed to falsehood. The 22 persons scattered in five different locations do not fulfil the Shariah's requisite of *Jamm-e-Ghafeer*. Thus, if sighting conditions are so favourable as Bogus uucsa has affirmed, and two persons of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (radhiyallahu anhu)'s and Hadhrat Umar (radhiyallahu anhu)'s status and calibre testify to having seen the halaal, Eid will NOT be declared, not because falsehood is attributed to men of such sterling and lofty character, but because the Shariah's requisite of *Jamm-e-Ghafeer* is not fulfilled.

In view of the shenanigans which the MJC-NNB Jamiat clique perpetrates, we shall make other Shar'i arrangements for confirming the Islamic months. There shall be no reliance on the announcements of the NNB Jamiat or its paper puppet, Bogus uucsa. In the circumstances Eid on different days must be accepted as the consequence of the stance and command of the Shariah, especially in view of the fact that it is not permissible for the Shaafi' community to go by the sightings of other cities and towns.

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For the sake of achieving a baatil 'unity' for gratifying ego, the NNB Jamiat-MJC cartel of fussaag has no care for the Shariah. To achieve their haraam *hubb-e-jah* objective, they are prepared to scuttle the Shariah to which almost a million Muslims of the Shaafi' Math-hab adhere. This is a grave issue with which one may not trifle. The miscreants of the NNB Jamiat-MJC clique are playing with Fire with their interference with the Shariah designed to scuttle the Haqq. Following in the footsteps of the ulama-e-soo' of Bani Israaeel, the evil 'ulama' of the NNB Jamiat and MJC, are concealing and obfuscating the Haqq with baseless arguments to interpret away and scuttle the Ruling of the Shaafi' Math-hab on the vital issue of hilaal-confirmation. According to the Shaafi' Math-hab, the sighting of a place 48 miles away, whether on the east or west, is not valid. Only sightings within a radius of 48 miles are valid and binding in terms of the Shaafi' Math-hab. But, the satanic 'unity' principle evolved by Reverend Abraham Bham motivated by an ulterior agenda, is given 'divine' status and order to abrogate the Shariah of Allah Ta'ala as interpreted and understood by the Shaafi' Fuqaha.

According to the Shaafi' Math-hab the overriding principle is: *For every city/town is its own sighting.* This principle is not in conflict with the Hanafi Math-hab. It is the principle explicitly stated by Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn Abbaas (radhiyallahu anhu). Insha-Allah, the Shaafi' Math-hab's stance shall be elaborately presented in a book on this issue to refute and debunk all the *ghutha* which hybrid 'shaafi' molvi-sheikhs and duktoors proffer in vindication of their baatil 'unity' hallucination.

The Musjlisul Ulama of S.A. shall, Insha-Allah, keep the Muslim community informed of further developments and offer Shar'i guidance. There is too much *nafsaani (egoistical)* politics governing and contaminating the Deen. We are living in an age about which Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"The dunya will be pursued with acts of the Aakhirah."

In other words, the ulterior motives of the nafs will be pursued under Deeni guise. Muslims, especially the ulama-e-soo', are denuding the Deen of Haqq.

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