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DO PARENTS HAVE TO PAY THE FEES?

Question

Parents want to know if they have to pay fees to the Nizamia Islamic School in Pietermaritzburg. Due to the lockdown, Nizamia Islamic School decided to close. Should parents pay for fees? The school has opted to remain shut. The school claims that parents signed for a year of tuition.

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Furthermore, the school is appealing for Lillah and Zakaat funds. Should we contribute? In its poster, the school quotes the following Hadith from Tirmidhi: “Give charity without delay, for its stands in the way of calamity.”

Answer

The school has no right to demand fees for the period it remains shut. There is no obligation on parents to pay any fees for this shut-duration.

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Zakaat should never be contributed to a secular school. The term 'Islamic' for the school is deceptive. Zakaat given to the school will not be discharged.

The Hadith states: "*Sadqah extinguishes the Wrath of Allah.*" Charity / Sadqah in the context of the Hadith refers to Sadqah for genuine cases – for the poor and suffering. Giving money to a secular school is not the Sadqah mentioned in the Hadith.

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