



Masjid Ibnu Taymeeyah

To: the respected and noble Shaykh, Dr Muhammad bin Hādī al-Madkhālī

From: Brixton Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre, (Masjid Ibnu Taymeeyah), London, UK

Date: 18/04/12

Dear Shaykh, Dr Muhammad al-Madkhālī,

The Peace and Blessings of Allah and His Mercy be upon you

This letter is in response to a recent meeting held on the 2nd Jumāda al-Oola 1433 corresponding to 24 March 2012, in which you disparaged our Masjid and community, Masjid Ibn Taymiyyah in London, United Kingdom.

1. Masjid Ibn Taymiyyah [Brixton Masjid, London], since 1993 CE/1413 AH, has been striving to follow the Qur'ān, Sunnah and way of the Salaf and implement this in its ethos. Moreover, Masjid Ibn Taymiyyah [Brixton Masjid], contrary to what you have been ill-informed, maintain respect for all of our scholars of Ahl us-Sunnah. However, we neither adopt blind-following of any scholar nor do we demonstrate partisanship or fanaticism to any of them.
2. Shaykh Muhammad - you were of those who visited us at our Masjid in London in 1997 along with the Shaykh and Qadi, AbdusSalām Burjis (*rahimahullāh*). In fact, Shaykh AbdusSalaam (*rahimahullāh*) continued to visit us in London up until 2003 and some of us had the honour of visiting him at his home in Riyadh up to his death in 2004, may Allaah have mercy on him. While we acknowledge your efforts, we are shocked by your unfounded statements and feel oppressed by your recent speech about Masjid Ibn Taymiyyah, Brixton, London. We believe it was unjust to state that Brixton Masjid and some of its members 'are **untruthful**' and we kindly request that you retract this statement.
3. A translation of your recent speech (in English) concerning Brixton Masjid has reached us, that was posted on a website 'Salafitalk', dated 24 March 2012 (2 Jumada ul-Ula 1433) cited below:

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'And then the end result for these brothers at Masjid Rahmah will be like the end result of that which occurred with those of Brixton Masjid in London! That they ended up with Abul-Hasan, Ali Hasan and those types of people, that which occurred with Abdul-Haqq Baker and whoever was with him such as Abu Haajir and others. They came to me here many times, and I would advise them. And what became apparent is that they are not truthful (laysoo saadiqeen)! These people from Brixton Masjid would sit with me and listen and say "yes" and then go and do the opposite! But this in reality did not harm except themselves!'

And also...

'So I advise you with the same that you are truthful, outwardly and inwardly. And in this world you will be treated based upon your outward deeds. So I advise you not to be these people at the Brixton Markaz for they are NOT truthful people (ghayr saadiqeen), for indeed they would come to me many times and often. I would try to rectify the affairs between them and the brothers in Birmingham (UK) at Salafi Publications. So whatever they (Brixton Masjid) would agree to in these sittings to adhere to, they would exit and abandon all that they agreed to. So I advise you to be truthful upon the correctness and be earnest'

4. As you know, representatives of Brixton Masjid have not visited you since 2003. We are therefore surprised by uncorroborated statements regarding the masjid's current status, i.e. '...like the end result of that which occurred with those of Brixton Masjid in London! That they ended up with Abul-Hasan, Ali Hasan and those types of people...'
5. We find it extremely troublesome and disingenuous that you have decided to link us with individuals who have no official or unofficial capacity in our Masjid in London, and who do not reside in our country, the United Kingdom. Abu'l-Hasan al-Ma'ribi has not visited Brixton since he was involved in arbitrating between disputing Salafi organisations and compiling a subsequent agreement that was subsequently supported and endorsed in writing by **Shaykh Rabi' ibn Hādi on 11/05/1420** in an effort to resolve the disputes that hindered a unified approach to delivering the da'wah in the UK.
6. Regarding Shaykh Ali bin Hasan al Halabi, he is just one of many shuyukh that have visited us. The scholars and professors who have visited us over the last ten years have included: **Shaykh and Qadi, AbdusSalaam Burjis (rahimahullah); Shaykh Fahad al-Fuhayd; Shaykh AbdulHakeem al-'Ajlaan; Shaykh Hamad at-Tuwayjyree; Shaykh Abdu'Azeez as-Sadhaan; Shaykh Abdullah ash-Shithree** and tele-links with many others such as **Shaykh Wasiullaah al-'Abbaas; Shaykh Khaalid ar-Radaadee; Shaykh Ibrahim ar-Ruhayli; Shaykh Abdul'Azeez bin Rayyis ar-Rayyis; Shaykh Aasim al-Qaryuti; Shaykh AbdulMalik ar-Ramadani; Shaykh Muhammad bin 'AbdulWahhaab al-'Aqeel; Shaykh AbdurRazzaaq bin AbdulMuhsin al-Brixton Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre, 1 Gresham Road, London, SW9 7PH, U.K.**

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'Abbaad and many others. If we 'ended up with Ali Hasan' as you have incorrectly asserted in your recent speech, then the same must also be true of the other mashaykh that we have also invited or to quote your words – 'ended up' with. While referring to this, we are fully aware of disagreements between some of the mashaykh – you included. We have tried to avoid such disputes in accordance with advice and guidance from erudite and renowned scholars like Dr Waseeullah 'Abbās, Professor in Umm al-Qura University and the Sacred Mosque in Mecca. Unfortunately, your continuing acceptance of false information conveyed to you from individuals who themselves are considered unreliable and untruthful (ghayr saadiqeen) by many in the UK - continues to cause confusion among youth, as well as enmity and hatred. Despite the observations of those who *are* recognised in an official capacity by Saudi Arabia¹ against the entities you support, you persist in relying upon reports that are not only incorrect and inaccurate, but also slanderous. The actual 'end result' has been damage caused to the image of Salafiyyah in the west, especially considering the challenges facing us as Muslim minorities in non-Muslim societies.

7. Through our work, Allah has enabled us to:

- ♦ facilitate hundreds of people to enter Islam;
- ♦ conduct many classes in all branches of the Islamic sciences including, creed, Hadith, Quran;
- ♦ facilitated many of our youth to study at Islamic universities within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ♦ host many conferences and lectures inviting internationally renowned scholars and students of Islamic knowledge;
- ♦ run programmes to combat Muslim extremism and terrorism: a problem that affected our area;
- ♦ run programmes to help local authorities combat gang-violence,
- ♦ provide Shariah compliant youth activities;
- ♦ conduct programmes to facilitate the rehabilitation of Muslim prisoners and those at risk of offending.

8. These activities reflect some aspects of our work. We are unaware of any other 'end result' mentioned in your speech. Specific advice that you offered to us – **which was advice and a not a religious edict** - we tried wholeheartedly to comply with. However, the contending side – those who you continue to support and endorse - were not forthcoming and did not facilitate us. Thus, plans based on your advice in this instance were frustrated. This does not in any way justify, or legally qualify, you to label us as 'untruthful' or liars.

¹ Shaykh Waseeullah 'Abbās, who also in fact officiated your doctoral thesis.

9. In view of the above, we respectfully conclude that, in actuality our 'end result' is such that we would request that you desist speaking about Masjid Ibn Taymiyyah [Brixton Masjid, London, UK] and its community in the derogatory manner you have chosen and retract it. This is particularly as you do not appear to have referred to reliable and substantiated reports from those who are actually up to date with our affairs. We will reiterate - it has been many years since official representatives have met or spoken with you and in reality, you know very little about the Brixton Masjid community.
10. Due to the seriousness of the issues that are to be addressed, copies of this letter are also being sent to the relevant authorities in Saudi Arabia. You continue to support and endorse individuals and specific organisations that have become renowned for causing problems and division among Salafis in the UK. We therefore trust you will agree that the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Shaykh Saleh Al-Shaykh; the Office for the Committee of Major Scholars; the Islamic Affairs Section in the Saudi Embassy in London, UK; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior's Ideological Security Department should at least be aware of your unsolicited speech about the affairs of specific Muslim communities in other countries – of which you either know little or have received biased, unsubstantiated reports.
11. Our reasons for sending this letter to the various official organisations in Saudi Arabia is in order to request that they thoroughly investigate this matter with a view curtailing unwanted and unwarranted interference or meddling from uninvited, outside parties, who have no officially recognised or delegated jurisdiction to issue statements or edicts in our affairs. Such interference has caused division and conflict among Salafis within the societies in which we live, and where we are trying earnestly to propagate the truth and efficacy of this religion. We also hope that the Senior Scholars can finally judge in these disputes and be made aware of the impact these disputes are having on the youth in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the West. It is only right that a comprehensive picture of the true state of affairs be presented to them as opposed to decisions based on biased narrations.

Peace and blessings be upon you
Brixton Masjid Trustees & Management Committee

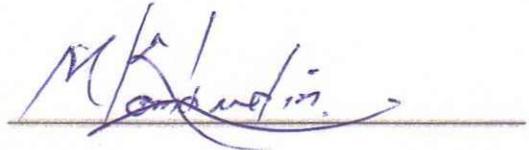
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