

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله رب العالمين و أفضل الصلاة و أتم التسليم على سيدنا محمد و على آله و صحبه أجمعين

اللهم صل على سيدنا و مولنا محمد و على آله و صحبه اجمعين

An emergency meeting was conducted on Thursday 24th January, 2019 at Kanz ul Huda Headquarters (Birmingham, UK) in relation to the serious allegations made against Asim Hussain. The meeting was initiated and organised by Suhail Ahmed-Qadri who insisted that this is a matter for the honour of Islam and must be held by reputable scholars to come to a just decision. This meeting was held on the condition that Asim Hussain must abide (in its totality) by the decisions made by the scholars present.

The meeting lasted for over two hours and was presided over by Shaykh Saqib Iqbal Shami, with other notable attendees including Shaykh Asrar Rashid, Maulana Qamran Khan, Imam Adil Shahzad, Pervez (Al-Hikam Institute, Bradford), Imran Chaudhary, Suhail Ahmed-Qadri and Asim Hussain respectively.

After much deliberation, it was decided that Asim Hussain (Al-Hikam Institute, Bradford) will be relieved from all religious duties with immediate effect. This entails:

- 1) Relinquishing the position of Imam/Shaykh
- 2) Foregoing all Islamic talks/study circles
- 3) Abstaining from answering questions relating to Islam
- 4) Terminating all personal accounts on social media

Whilst he is relieved of all positions of religiosity, he is welcome to continue his social work. This decision was made considering a series of irrefutable proofs which amount to serious violations of morality and abuses of authority. **It must be made clear that during this meeting Asim Hussain eventually admitted to allegations in light of the evidences presented before him and also agreed to the final decision.**

Scholars and Imams have been designated the task of serving and fulfilling the needs of the Muslim community at large, and a single code of conduct is consistent for all who embrace this role. Having said that, if they abuse this role and use it as a means of fulfilling their own whims and desires, it has a devastating effect on the lives of

victims and corrodes all trust and confidence in them. Therefore, it becomes incumbent upon other Scholars and Imams to address the issues raised and to bring them to the forefront, whilst being dealt with critically and effectively. By extension, Masajid committees and Madaaris are instructed to take these violations seriously lest their places of worship/organisations are brought into disrepute.

Whilst there may be concern that this matter should not have been made public by way of this statement, it is necessary that the background to this major step is explained. An initial meeting took place in February 2017 at Kanz ul Huda Headquarters, following a series of allegations made regarding abuse of position against Asim Hussain. This meeting was presided over by Shaykh Saqib Iqbal Shami, with notable attendees including Shaykh Asrar Rashid, Imam Ijaz Shami, Imran Chaudhry and Asim Hussain.

In this meeting Asim Hussain, admitted to the offences and evidence presented before him and as a result the following conditions were put in place to prevent further incidents occurring:

- 1) Asim Hussain is to refrain from all forms of social media until permitted. He is to utilise his time in seeking knowledge and developing himself spiritually
- 2) He must pray his five times daily prayers. To aid in this a brother was appointed to monitor this daily and report back
- 3) He is to look for a spouse as a priority
- 4) He is to refrain from any contact with Ghayr Mahram women

Asim Hussain, categorically agreed to these conditions and repented for his actions. It was unanimously agreed that any further incidents of improper behaviour and/or breaking of the four conditions will not be tolerated and necessary action will be taken.

Despite Asim Hussain breaching the above conditions repeatedly, further warnings were given regarding his conduct and behaviour to give him opportunities to repent. However, it was clear that Asim Hussain had no intention to adhere to them. We must be clear that the severity of the offences admitted and alleged are so abhorrent, had they been committed by a professional they would be instantly struck off and potentially treated criminally. However, to conceal his sins we have abstained from disclosing them as this would not be expected from a commoner let alone an Imam.

Some reading this statement may consider this to be a harsh decision, however, we would like to ensure the readers that had they been privy to the severity of the actions of Asim Hussain they would not hold this view. Nonetheless, the respected

scholars have emphasised that the details of his misconduct and its nature must not be made public.

Moreover, the recent matters admitted by Asim Hussain are of a more serious nature compared to those from the initial meeting in February 2017 and amount to gross misconduct, gross mistrust and a violation of humanity. The extent of his detestable actions makes it imperative to bring this in the public domain in order that people are made aware that the individual concerned is no longer considered fit to lead the Muslim community from a religious standpoint.

Finally, as this matter is now closed, it is not in accordance with Islamic etiquettes to continue discussing these issues, particularly on social media. This has been dealt with by scholars as per the Islamic requirement and is not a matter for common members of the public to discuss.

We ask Allah to grant us sincerity in serving humanity, and to forgive us all for our shortcomings.

و صلی اللہ علی سیدنا محمد و علی آلہ و صحبہ أجمعین

Date: 27/01/19

Shaykh Saqib Iqbal Shami
Shaykh Asrar Rashid