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“These are the limits of Allah. Whoever transgresses the limits of Allah, verily, he has oppressed his soul.”
(Qur’aan)

Confusion, mischief and anarchy invariably follow in the wake of transgression. When the laws of the Shariah are transgressed and when bid’ah is interpolated into the Deen, the inevitable consequence is discord and disunity. While all people clamour for unity, they miserably fail to understand the cause of the dissension prevailing in the Muslim community. Thus, every moron offers stupid solutions fabricated by the nafs in a futile endeavour to forge an unattainable pipedream ‘unity’.

A perennial dispute which has its roots in the modernism of the juhhaal (ignoramus), is moon-madness. Today, when Islam is 1435 years of age since the era of Hijrat, the morons posing as intelligentsia, and the quack and crank molvis and sheikhs flounder in a cesspool of confusion unable to figure out when exactly is the commencement of Ramadhaan and the Day of Eid. Their miserable conduct conveys the notion that the Shariah has been silent on these issues since its inception, and that the determination of the Islamic calendar is a recent expediency requiring the brains of the conglomeration of morons to forge a ‘fatwa’ for the mirage of a unitary Eid in the four corners of the earth.

What begs understanding is: Why does the malady of moon-madness afflict only modern society – a society in which modernism and liberalism dominate? Why does the moon not cause madness and discord in rural and ‘primitive’ regions, and in Muslim societies which are following the age-old principle of *“For every place (city/town) is its sighting”*? Why was there no dissension and no mischief during the age of the Sahaabah when Eid was celebrated on different days in Shaam and Madinah despite the fact that 100% reliable and authentic

confirmation of the sighting of the hilaal reached Madinah from Shaam several days before ending of Ramadhaan. Why did Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn Abbaas (radhiyallahu anhu) on two occasions declare that Shaam's sighting is for Shaam, and Madinah's sighting is for Madina? And, why did this difference not lead to discord and dissension?

Never had there been any attempt in the Islamic empire to forge a unitary Eid – Eid on one day in all places. Morons will stupidly argue that in the early era of Islam there were no modern systems of communication, hence a unitary Eid could not be proclaimed. This argument will be rejected with contempt by even the baboons inhabiting mountainous regions. We have mentioned above the episode of Shaam and Madinah. The reality has always been Eid on different days in even places in close proximity. Thus, the Shaafi' Fuqaha unequivocally state that moon-sightings are valid only within a radius of *Masaafat Qasr (48 miles)*. And, even the followers of the Hanafi Math-hab have been universally practising in accordance with this tenet.

It was never the practice to engage in laborious endeavours to ascertain the moon-sightings of other places, not even of places ten miles away. Those who have had the good fortune to be the students of Hadhrat Maulana Masihullah (rahmatullah alayh) can testify that while in Saharanpur, an hour by bus from Jalalabad, it was Eid, there was no Eid in Jalalabad. Eid would be sometimes in Deoband – the Headquarters of the Ulama-e-Deoband – while in Jalalabad it was the 30th Ramadhaan. Despite Eid on different days in places a stone's throw away, there was no discord and disunity on this score.

The *Ta-aamul* (standing, regular, universal) practice of the Ummah since the very inception of Islam was for every place to have Eid on the basis of its own sighting just as every place performed Salaat at different times without the slightest element of discord and disunity.

There is absolutely no basis in the Shariah for forging a unitary Eid. This nafsaani craving is not supported by the Qur'aan and Sunnah. The Fuqaha never advocated this fiction of the modernists and liberals. The discord is the consequence of transgressing the limits of Allah Ta'ala by the bid'ah of a unitary

Eid. There is no such concept in the Shariah. If Eid is on the 30th day in some places and on the 31st day in another place, how does this necessary and natural difference disrupt Muslim unity? If Maghrib is at 6 p.m in one town and at 6.30 in another town, what kink does it introduce in Muslim unity? How does such a natural difference disturb the brotherhood of the Ummah? Why is disunity not created by the different times for the same Salaat in different towns and cities? What is the rational argument to bolster the moronic idea of 'disunity' if Eid is held on different days in different towns and cities?

In view of there being no Shar'i basis for establishing a unitary Eid, the clamour in the quarters of the miscreant modernists and liberal molvis and sheikhs is devoid of Shar'i substance. The attempt to introduce this bid'ah is the root cause for the disputes and controversy of moon-madness.

The miscreants never raise a clamour over issues commanded by the Shariah. There is no attempt by them to strive for filling the Musajid for the daily Fardh Salaat on which is based the structure of Islam. The command to enforce Salaat is the primary obligation of the Islamic state, hence the Qur'aan commands the Rulers:

“And, if We grant them political power on earth, they establish Salaat, pay (and establish) Zakaat, and they command virtue and prohibit vice.”

Fulfilment of these Fardh commands is the basis for the unity of the Ummah. The unity of the Ummah can never be attained on the basis of a bid'ah – a unitary Eid – which has never been envisaged by the Shariah.

A unity achieved in conflict with the teachings of the Shariah is an accursed unity. It is like the unity of the mushrikeem against the Haqq propagated by the Ambiya. The Ambiya (alayhimus salaam) were the very first persons to rip to shreds the false unities forged by the people of baatil – the kuffaar and mushrikeen. The Reverend Abraham with his miserable carrion-halaalizer MJC crony and the bogus paper front entity called 'uucsa' are plodding the very same path of the mushrikeen in whose religion the doctrine of corrupt unity – unity on falsehood – was of fundamental importance. Thus, we constantly hear the din

of 'unity' regardless of whether this objective of unity conforms to the Shariah or not – regardless of the violation of the Shariah.

Emphasizing the ibaadat of dissociation from baatil and the ibaadat of disunity, the Qur'aan Majeed says:

“There was most certainly a wonderful example for you in Ibraaheem and those who were with him when they said to (their kuffaar) people: ‘Verily, we dissociate from you and from that (idols) which you worship besides Allah. We reject you. Enmity and hatred have become apparent between us and you forever (O Mushrikeen!). (And this mutual animosity will continue) until you believe in the One Allah.....” (Al-Mumtahinah, Aayat 4)

A disunity on the basis of the Shariah – a disunity to uphold the Haqq of the Deen is a lofty ibaadat of high merit. A unity which is able to accommodate baatil is a satanic ploy to derail Muslims from *Siraatul Mustaqeem*.

The gullible masses are prone to become ensnared into the tentacles of baatil which the miscreants promote with the slogan of 'unity'. With this stunt the ignorant public is being misled. These molvis and sheikhs thrive and flourish on the ignorance of the masses. As long as the masses remain ignorant of the Shariah, the miscreants feel assured of their 'leadership'. It is a simple matter to lead herds of morons, hence these wayward scholars for dollars never educate the masses. They only seek to seduce the Imaan of the masses by concealing the Haqq in the way the Ulama of Bani Israaeel did to their masses. To alert the masses of the haraam priestly grip which the clergy of Bani Israaeel exercised on the people, the Qur'aan says:

“They (the masses) take their ulama and their sheikhs as gods besides Allah, and (also) for Isaa the son of Maryam.”

The NNB Jamiat jaahil priests and the MJC jaahil priests specialize in hollow and dubious slogans such as 'unity'. Little do the masses understand that unity on the basis of haraam is haraam. Thus, forging a 'unity' on the basis of the bid'ah of a unitary Eid achieved in conflict with the tenets of the Shariah is haraam. It is a satanic 'unity' which men of the dunya pursue for

the gratification of their base desires for name, fame and cheap publicity. The vilest creators of disunity in the Ummah are the miscreants of the NNB Jamiat and the MJC with their hollow and insincere call for unity on baatil. If they abstain from interfering with the Shariah, the community will not be afflicted with the disease of moon-madness.

Before discussing the current moon debacle, it is appropriate and necessary to apprise the Muslim public of the rules of the Shariah pertaining to moon-sighting and the issues concomitant with the sighting.

- (1) According to all four Math-habs, the principle: "*For every city is its sighting.*", is a valid tenet. All Math-habs accept it.
- (2) There is no Math-hab which advocates a unitary Eid.
- (3) Eid during the era of the Sahaabah, Taabi-een, Tab-e-Taabieen and throughout Islamic history was comfortably celebrated on different days without the development of discord and disunity.
- (4) According to the Shaafi' Math-hab, moon-sightings are valid only for places within a radius of 48 miles. The Fuqaha have adopted 48 miles on the basis of it being the distance a traveller is allowed to perform Qasr Salaat.
- (5) While according to the Hanafi Math-hab, sightings of distant places are valid if reliably reported, neither is transmission of sighting information nor acceptance thereof incumbent. There is explicit *Nusoos* of the Saheeh Ahaadith to substantiate this fact. And such has been the *Ta-aamul* of our Akaabir Ulama.
- (6) The Shariah does not impose on the people of one city to institute measures for adopting the sightings of other places.
- (7) According to the Hanafi Math-hab, the sighting of another town/city will be valid only if it is transmitted by *Tareeq Moojib*, and this method of transmission is achieved in one of the following four ways:
 - (a) Shahaadat alal Rooyah
 - (b) Shahaadat ala Shahaadat bir Rooyah
 - (c) Shahaadat ala Hukmil Haakim
 - (d) Istifaadhah.

Insha-Allah, these Shar'i terms and concepts shall be discussed and explained in a future publication when Allah Ta'ala grants us the means and the ability. In the context of the current scenario and moon-debacle it suffices to say that none of these methods was employed by the miscreants who had announced the sighting of the moon – sightings which are dubious in terms of the Shariah.

Let us now focus attention on the current moon debacle created by those who hanker after leadership, publicity and aggrandizement. These evils are the actual motive force underlying the stupid clamour for a unitary Eid. The miscreants behind this move, namely, the NNB Jamiat with its BOGUS paper front 'uucsa', are the shayaateen who are responsible for the unnecessary controversy and disunity. They are hell-bent on leadership – the inordinate crave to be recognized as the representative of the Ulama of the country and of the Muslim community. The Reverend Abraham Bham is particularly notorious in this despicable plot.

At the very outset it is emphasized that astronomy with its calculations and predictions has absolutely no role in the determination of the Islamic months. Even if the astronomers and the scientists claim total impossibility of sighting the hilaal at the end of the 29th day of the Islamic months, it remains Waajib for Muslims to search for the hilaal. An example of the irrelevance of astronomical calculations in the context of hilaal sighting occurred this Ramadhaan. According to the astronomers sighting the hilaal in South Africa was a total impossibility. This view does not alter the Shariah' command in any way whatsoever. It still remained obligatory for Muslims to search for the hilaal at the end of the 29th day of Ramadhaan.

We reiterate that the current controversy is not the consequence of the claims of the astronomers. Their claims have no significance in the domain of the Shariah. The dispute/controversy is the consequence of blatant violation of the Shariah perpetrated by the NNB Jamiat with an emaciated MJC following like a submissive poodle, impelled on by some sinister agenda. The ultimate objective of these miscreants is to have Eid with Saudi Arabia, hence they are hell-bent on establishing for

themselves the leadership role. Submission to Saudi hegemony promises lucrative monetary and other worldly perks.

Of decisive importance for the confirmation of hilaal-sighting for the occasion of Eid when the skies are clear is the requisite known as *Jamm Ghafeer* which means such a large crowd of persons, each testifying to have personally sighted the hilaal. If Allah Ta'ala wills and grants us the taufeeq, we shall prepare a book elaborating in detail all the Shariah's evidences in terms of all Math-habs on the issue of moon-sighting and its effects.

There is no gainsaying that the skies were absolutely clear – spotlessly clear. Affirming this fact, the NNB's BOGUS uucsa states in its damage-control pamphlet:

*“Sunset in Johannesburg on the 27th July 2014 was at 17:39. Moonset was at 18:16. The viewing time was 36 minutes. The moon age was 16h 58 mins at sunset. **The horizon was extremely clear. There was not a cloud in sight and no haze at all. The Johannesburg skyline is generally very clear during winter months.**” (Our emphasis)*

When such clear conditions prevail, the Shariah stipulates *Jamm Ghafeer* for the validity of any sighting. In Gauteng region the Muslim population is approximately a quarter million, if not more. Thousands of Muslims all over Gauteng were searching for the hilaal on an horizon which was “extremely clear without a cloud in sight and no haze at all.” Despite this confession, there was no *Jamm Ghafeer* to testify. Solitary, and small numbers, and isolated sightings were reported. Out of a populace of hundreds of thousands with thousands searching for the hilaal, the NNB reported that a lousy 22 individuals scattered in five different locations in the Gauteng Province saw the hilaal. The breakdown of the 22 individuals as reported by the NNB's BOGUS uucsa, is as follows:

1. Bekkersdal: 8 persons claimed to have seen the moon four minutes after sunset.
2. North Riding: 4 females and 2 males claimed to have seen the moon
3. Northcliff: A 15 year old boy reported that he had seen the moon.

4. Mayfair: Two members of the Somali community testified to have sighted the moon.
5. Lenasia South: One individual reported that four members of congregation had seen the moon.

COMMENT

Let us now dissect and analyse these reported sightings.

(a) The skies were absolutely clear with not even a haze. Innumerable Muslims were searching for the Eid hilaal. Thousands were searching. Yet only 22 from five different localities reported sightings. If the 22 were all in one locality, the Shariah would attach some credence to their report and for that specific locality the 22 would have constituted *Jamm Ghafeer*. But the reality is that the 22 is a total acquired from five localities.

(b) In North Riding only 4 males and 2 females reported sightings. These six do not approach anywhere near to the precincts of *Jamm Ghafeer*. Furthermore, why did only six unknown persons, whose *adaalat* is questionable, see the moon in the absolutely clear sky when innumerable people were scanning the horizon eagerly in anticipation of seeing the hilaal?

(c) According to BOGUS uucsa, the six were telephonically told to go to the suburb Northcliff to testify at the Musjid. Why was there not a single musalli or resident of Northcliff who had seen the moon, and who could corroborate the testimony of the group from North Riding? Besides the handful of six not constituting *Jamm Ghafeer*, their report reeks of dubiousness. Of the six, were four males. But it was left to the woman to contact BOGUS uucsa to report the sighting. The spineless men could not muster up the courage to phone and speak with BOGUS uucsa's man. Was something on their conscience? Was something holding them back?

(d) A solitary 15 year old lad is reported to have seen the moon. This is extremely suspicious. The confounded imam of Northcliff Musjid heard the testimony of the six characters from North

Riding, but in his own locality, not a single musalli besides the 15 year old boy, saw the moon. Was the imam so unconcerned regarding the importance of searching for the Eid hilaal that neither he nor any of the musallis made any effort to search for the moon? And, what about all the other residents of Northcliff? Did they lack sufficient brains to understand the importance of searching for the moon despite their eagerness to celebrate Eid the next day and so escape fasting one day more? The reality of the issue is that they were searching, but in vain. It was left to the 15 year old to locate the moon. Thus, in terms of the Shariah, the testimony of the 15 year old has to be discarded. There was no sighting in terms of the Shariah.

(e) In Mayfair which is a huge sprawling locality of Muslims, only two members of the Somali community reported sighting the moon. BOGUS uucsa has concealed a crucial part of the moon-sighting episode in Mayfair. Two Somalis on their way to the Musjid for Maghrib Salaat reported at the Musjid that they had just now seen the moon. The Imaam immediately accompanied them to the spot from whence the sighting was claimed. On reaching the spot, none of the three could see the hilaal. There appears to be an undercurrent of some bogus shenanigans in this reported sighting. It is unacceptable that despite large numbers of people searching for the moon in Mayfair, only two testified. Anyhow, should it be assumed that the testimony was immaculate, then too, in terms of the Shariah the sightings are rejected for the lack of *Jamm Ghafeer*.

(f) According to BOGUS uucsa, the Imaam of Lenasia South Musjid reported that four persons had seen the moon. This negligible number is unacceptable for a locality having thousands of Muslim residents, all eagerly searching for the hilaal in absolutely clear skies.

BOGUS uucsa cunningly avoids mentioning anything about 'shahaadat'. It only claims that according to the Imaam the four characters are reliable and trustable. Are they *aadil* according to the Shariah? There is only silence on this issue. It is quite evident that they did not testify according to the Shariah. Again, if

it be assumed that the four are indeed *aadil* and that they had given shahaadat, then too the Shariah discounts their testimony since the four do not constitute *Jamm Ghafeer*.

(g) Assuming that all 22 individuals who had allegedly reported sightings in five different localities are *aadil*, and that they had indeed sighted the moon, then too, Eid may not be declared on the basis of the negligible number in view of the Shariah's essential requisite of *Jamm Ghafeer* when the skies are clear.

(h) To crown the Shariah's rejection of the Eid declaration, is the fact that the announcement was made by a faasiq, faajir who is *person'a non grata* according to the Shariah. He is *Mardoodush Shahaadat*, i.e. his testimony is inadmissible due to his flagrant (shameless public) indulgence in acts of fisq and fujoor. The chap who made the Eid announcement was Reverend Abraham Bham of BOGUS uucsa. It is haraam to end Ramadhaan on the basis of the announcement made by a faasiq/faajir. His announcement simply exacerbated the dubiousness and uncertainty of the reports of the tiny number of individuals out of thousands – tens of thousands – of Muslim residents in Gauteng.

(i) With a typical rodomontade attitude, BOGUS uucsa trumpets that it has the best-constituted 'national' hilaal committee in the country. Why did not a single one of the hilaal committees of the BOGUS report any sightings? This fact loudly debunks the claim of having put in place a well-organized systematic national hilaal apparatus. Not a single character of the 22 individuals represented any hilaal committee of BOGUS. Where had all the hilaal committees of the 'national' organization disappeared on the evening when the skies were absolutely clear.

In its grossly misleading statement, BOGUS uucsa proudly and falsely claims:

"South Africa enjoys a Hilaal verification structure which is difficult to find anywhere else in the world. The Central Hilaal Committee is made up of two individuals from each of the seven affiliate members of uucsa (i.e. BOGUS uucsa). The affiliate

members of uucsa (BOGUS uucsa) are located in seven of the nine provinces of South Africa.

Each uucsa (BOGUS uucsa) member has its own independent Hilaal Committees made up of Ulama and community members from respective Masaajid that fall within its jurisdiction.

Members of these committees observe the Hilaal for the ensuing month on a monthly basis."

What had happened to the plethora of 'hilaal committees' on this occasion? They were all invisible or had conveniently gone underground, and that is because the whole miserable lot exists only on pieces of scrap papers. They have no existence on the ground. That is precisely why not even the hallucinated Gauteng committees of BOGUS uucsa reported any sighting. The 22 individuals cited by BOGUS in its statement are not members of any of the imagined hilaal committees of BOGUS uucsa. Why was there no report from any of the hilaal committees of BOGUS despite absolutely clear skies? And, the clear skies were not restricted to Johannesburg area.

The shenanigans reported by BOGUS uucsa debunk the claims of its highly organized national hilaal structure which is a claim made to bamboozle the community and to claim leadership for bogus, faasiq, faajir personnel who constitute the NNB Jamiat hierarchy and the paper BOGUS uucsa entity.

(j) Sunset in the Johannesburg region was at 17:39, and moonset was at 18:16. Thus the viewing time for the hilaal was 36 minutes. Within these 36 minutes BOGUS had received all the reports from the five Gauteng localities. Despite this early reported and 'confirmed' sightings right in the backyard where the BOGUS uucsa personnel were sitting hatching their plot clandestinely to forge a unitary 'eid' with Saudi Arabia, they miserably failed to make an expeditious announcement. Why did they procrastinate so inordinately to constrain the community to delay Taraaweeh Salaat? In fact, the announcement was made while Taraaweeh Salaat was in progress in many Musaaqid of the Gauteng area. What had induced this inordinate delay despite all reports reaching the BOGUS an hour before Isha'?

In an insipid stupid attempt to present a semblance of credibility for its delay, BOGUS uucsa trying to sound important, states: *“A teleconference (sic! sic! sic! rubbish!) was then held with all uucsa (BOGUS uucsa) members at which a unanimous decision was taken to accept the validity of the sighting.”*

The NNB clique professes to be 'ulama'. They must indeed be stupid, moron 'ulama'. Their stupidity is evidenced by the clique's inability to make a determination on the basis of the 'confirmed' 22 sightings of the five localities which had reached them. In fact, their inordinately delayed decision was based on the 22 sightings, not on any new information. Their jahaalat is indeed colossal, hence they had to organize a stupid 'teleconference' to decide the simple issue of accepting or rejecting the sighting reports. These miscreants are not guided by the clear tenets of the Shariah, hence the silly 'teleconference' to impress juhala of their ilk.

There is no ambiguity in the Shariah on the issue of determining the Islamic months, including Ramadhaan and Eid. The jahaalat and nafaaniyat of the BOGUS clique is responsible for the uncertainty and dispute. Since the NNB clique in Johannesburg itself doubted the sightings, it felt constrained to garner support from other juhala who featured nowhere in the picture of the Johannesburg sightings. What was the need for the silly 'teleconference'?

(k) The need for gaining the support of the other juhala components of BOGUS uucsa was for giving practical expression to the plot of the 'unitary eid'. Without the approval of the Maan Kykers of Cape Town, the Reverend Abraham Bham understood that his plot of a 'unitary' eid will not materialize. On another occasion, although the Maan Kykers are an affiliate of the MJC, they had outrightly rejected BOGUS uucsa's moon decision. This is confirmed by BOGUS itself. The following is an extract from the minutes of a meeting held by BOGUS uucsa a couple of months ago:

*"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."*

By hook or crook, it was of fundamental importance for the Reverend to gain the approval of the Maan Kykers. If they had again rejected the decision of BOGUS as they had done previously, the NNB-MJC cartel's 'unitary eid' plot would have been a flop. The objective of the silly, laughable 'teleconference' was to exercise pressure on the MJC to twist the arm of the Maan Kykers sufficiently to extravasate approval and compliance. The Maan Kykers were initially reluctant to approve the Johannesburg sightings. But the MJC succeeded in its pressurizing exercise to eke out approval. This was the real cause for the delayed announcement.

The delayed announcement and the stupid teleconference confirm the jahaalat of the NNB clique. To make the announcement they required the approval of those 1,500 kilometres away – those who had not seen the moon despite thousands of them having congregated at Signal Hill to search for the hilaal as it is their normal practice.

(I) Noteworthy is the following statement attributed by Cii to Reverend Abraham Bham:

"Moulana Bham acknowledged that the sighting of the moon for Eid this year was a painstaking and long process."

What was so 'painstaking and long'? They had received 22 reports of sightings early in the evening – more than an hour before Isha'. Where does the 'painstaking' factor feature in this process? What was there to delay confirmation and announcement? The Bekkersdal sightings were allegedly confirmed by the Azaadville group of Ulama, and so were all the other reports confirmed by the Imaams of the respective Musjids

and BOGUS uucsa personnel. So what was this 'painstaking' factor? For the edification of the Muslim community, the 'painstaking' is unrelated to the sightings in view of the fact that BOGUS uucsa had accepted the credentials of all the 22 sighters. Undoubtedly, it was painstaking to get the Cape Town sector to agree to a unitary eid.

If the gang of BOGUS was convinced of the reliability of the sighters, then there was absolutely no reason to hinge the announcement on the approval of others in other centres – others who had not seen the moon. What would have been the scenario if Cape Town had not proffered its approval? Would BOGUS uucsa (NNB Jamiat) have withheld the news of the sightings? Would they have declared that the moon was not sighted and that the next say (Monday) was the 30th Ramadhaan? Since they are committed to the bid'ah of a unitary eid, this is exactly what they would have done. They would have declared that the moon was not sighted. The Shariah does not feature in their ideology. They have their own pernicious plots and objectives which they promote under guise of the Deen.

It is quite evident that the decision to announce 'eid' depended on the Cape Town crowd who had not seen the moon, and not on the Johannesburg component of BOGUS uucsa. Despite the sightings having been 'confirmed' by the NNB-BOGUS uucsa of Fordsburg, the final decision to make the announcement relied on the approval of the MJC miscreants who had not seen the moon nor was the moon sighted by anyone in the entire country besides the alleged sightings in the Gauteng region.

CONCLUSION

Assuming that the 22 sightings were genuine, then too, the decision to proclaim Eid was in conflict with the Shariah. The reasons have already been explained in this article. In a nut shell, the Shar'i position is as follows:

- (i) The skies were beautifully clear. The Shariah therefore requires *Jamm Ghafeer* for confirmation of sighting the Eid hilaal.
- (ii) The 22 individuals scattered in five different localities do not constitute *Jamm Ghafeer*.
- (iii) The sightings of Johannesburg are not valid for the Shaafi' community beyond a radius of 48 miles. It was therefore moronic and in flagrant conflict with the Shariah in terms of the Shaafi' Math-hab for the MJC and other Shaafi' ulama outfits to have accepted the moon news from their Johannesburg BOGUS counterparts.

This being the position of the Shariah, Muslims in South Africa and those in the U.K. who had erroneously followed South Africa, should fast one day qadha. Ignore the stupid howlings of the BOGUS cartel of morons posing as ulama. They are in the scope of the following Hadith. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

“Verily, I fear for my Ummah the Aimmah Mudhilleen”

The '*Aimmah Mudhilleen*' are the scholars for dollars – the ulama-e-soo' who mislead the masses with their corrupt 'fatwas' in total conflict with the Shariah.