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THE BRITS EID MOON DEBACLE

This year, Eidul Fitr was actually on Sunday May 2020 although we all throughout South Africa, celebrated Eid on Monday,..... May 2020. This lamentable and grotesque occurrence was the consequence of the confirmed sighting of the moon having been suppressed by the molvis of the NNB jamiat of Fordsburg. The facts are as follows:

- (1) None of our own Hilaal Committees had reported a sighting. We therefore declared that Eid will be on Monday.
- (2) After Isha' we received rumours of a moon sighting in the town of Brits. According to the rumour, the moon was sighted by a number of people in Brits. This information was *reliably* conveyed to the NNB jamiat. However, they rejected the news.
- (3) Since this news had not reached us reliably from any source, we could not make a decision of Eid on the basis of mere rumours and unconfirmed reports.
- (4) A day after Eid, i.e. on Tuesday, it was reliably conveyed to us by some of those who had personally sighted the moon that indeed, the hilaal was sighted and the sighting was reported to the local Mufti as well as the NNB jamiat.
- (5) The office of the NNB jamiat of Fordsburg had rejected the sighting because there were less than 40 sighters.
- (6) Thirteen members of a good family in Brits had sighted the hilaal. Amongst them was an Aalim, 2 Huffaaz and a trustee of the local Musjid.
- (7) Besides the 13 of this family, others too in Brits had sighted the moon.
- (8) Some of the 13 members had photographed the moon and also took a video of it. They have a record of it. They kept the hilaal under observation until its setting time.

(9) They reported their sighting to the local Mufti who conveyed it to the NNB jamiat of Fordsburg.

(10) The molvi from Fordsburg, ostensibly after consulting with the uucsa crowd, rejected the Brits sighting.

(11) The 13 members of the family who had seen the moon were pressurized by the NNB jamiat to retract their testimony.

(14) This Haraam debacle – this suppression of the truth – was kufr. Both the NNB jamiat molvis and those who had retracted their testimony are guilty of Kufr.

(15) They fasted on Eid Day, and withheld the vital information from the Ummah. A sin of the gravest kind was committed. It was a deliberate concealment of the Truth by means of which the entire Muslim Community the country was deceived and misled. The entire Community had fasted on the Day of Eid, and when it was not Eid, Muslims celebrated ‘eid’.

The perpetrators of this grotesque villainy will not escape the Wrath of Allah Azza Wa Jal.

Further comment shall be forthcoming, Insha-Allah.