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SAHUC'S SHENANIGANS – “PULLING WOOL OVER THE EYES”

Another exposure of Sahuc's shenanigans by Aboobakar Kharva, Chartered Account, details some of the malpractices of SAHUC:

As Salaam Alaikum Moulana Suliman Ravat

Trust this email finds you well with the help of Almighty Allah (SWT).

I was listening to your interviews this morning with representatives of TWF, SJU and Moaaz Casoo of SAHUC who was quite disingenuous with a couple of your last questions. Towards the end of your interview with him I would like to advise you as follows:

1. Moaaz Casoo deliberately spoke a blatant lie when he told you that "no one was FINED" with regard to the SAHUC Financial Statements and this is one of the reasons why detractors of SAHUC do not appear to have confidence in and trust some of the officials with regard to honest, fair and transparent disclosures.
2. The attached letter from IRBA dated as recent as 3 February 2022 (see attached with an explanation of the 7 charges which appeared in the IRBA Newsletter) explicitly states that SAHUC's previous Auditors Mr. Y Mohamed of A2A Kopano Inc. and previously Mohamed and Stenekamp was found guilty of improper conduct on SEVEN (7) different counts amounting to R700 000 of which R525 000 was suspended. These charges are an indictment on SAHUC as their previous Auditors whose auditing was substandard, and they covered-up for SAHUC which consequently means that no reliance can be placed on the SAHUC Financial Statements. Paragraph 2 of the IRBA letter clearly states that

the SAHUC Auditor and his staff had to undergo training to relearn how to apply proper auditing standards.

3. The complaint to IRBA was lodged in 2018 by Yacoob "Jakes" Rawat who was the then National Coordinator of UCSAH (United Council for South African Hujaaj) and addressed to Asad Gaffar who was the then National Secretary of UCSAH. Mr. Yacoob Rawat had also lodged a complaint to IRBA against the same Auditors around 2010 under the banner of Haj Watch and the same Auditors were subjected to disciplinary action and a fine. Therefore, Moaaz Casoo is quite dishonest when he flippantly tried to downplay the activism of Yacoob Rawat of Haj Watch.

4. On 7 November 2018 I attended a meeting between SAHUC and UCSAH at their then offices in Fordsburg where your uncle Hafiz Abu Bakr Ravat who is now the National Ameer for UCSAH was also present. The attached Press Release by UCSAH dated 12 November 2018 is self-explanatory but the salient point is that it was public knowledge that the SAHUC Financials Statements were under investigation by IRBA and that the result of their investigations was going to be made available to the South African Muslim public. Unfortunately, this did not transpire and the IRBA findings appear to have been swept under the carpet perhaps because, inter alia, the previous Ameer of UCSAH having a cozy relationship with Shaheen Essop who is SAHUC's spin doctor.

5. Paragraphs 12 to 14 of the attached JSE Market Notice by SENS which was attached as Annexure "N" to the Affidavit submitted by Yacoob Rawat to IRBA speaks, inter alia, to the integrity of Shaheen Essop who has been playing musical chairs in various executive positions on the Board of SAHUC for the past 2 decades and his ability in a fiduciary position to adhere to good, clean, transparent corporate governance in SAHUC.

6. The current SAHUC Auditors are no better than their predecessors and no confidence and reliance can be placed on their auditing standards with regard to SAHUC's Financial Statements. The attached CIPC full disclosure is quite telling and revealing as it exposes the existence of a Non-Profit Company (NPC) called SOUTH AFRICAN HAJJ AND UMRAH COUNCIL NPC (Registration Number: 2007/009408/08) which is an incorporated entity of which the 4 directors are also executive Board members of SAHUC which in its Constitution and Financial Statements is

described as an "UNINCORPORATED" association not for gain (see attached extract from the SAHUC Constitution).

7. What is more revealing is that, in the CIPC Full Disclosure SAHUC's current Auditors submit Annual Returns for this SAHUC NPC, and it discloses that this entity is "active" and "in business". So, the question begs what business is being conducted by this incorporated entity "SAHUC NPC"? Therefore, no confidence can be placed on SAHUC's current Auditors, and no reliance can be placed on SAHUC's Financial Statements as there appears to be two parallel entities operating in the name of SAHUC. This discrepancy is a very serious irregularity and both SAHUC and its Auditors need to be hauled over the coals.

8. Paragraph 3.11 on page 9 of the SAHUC Constitution under the heading 'Aims and Objectives', state that Activities of SAHUC should be carried on in a nonprofit manner. However, the Statement of Financial Position (see attached extract of SAHUC's 2024 Financial Statements) indicates that SAHUC as of 31 March 2024 had over R15 million in Cash and Cash Equivalents and over R18 million in Retained earnings which actually should be described and Accumulated Profits as it has amassed R18 million over the past 18 years, in other words on average it had been making approximately R1 million per year in profits which indicates that Hujaaj have been overcharged on SAHUC's registration and accreditation fees. How can confidence be placed in the current SAHUC Board members who are not getting their calculations correct and are overcharging Hujaaj.

9. The other contentious issue is that SAHUC has erroneously registered for Valued Added Tax (VAT), at the expense of Hujaaj, when there was no need to do so and someone (SAHUC and/or its tax advisors) have blundered and the Hujaaj are paying extra for unnecessary fees to some Accountants or tax advisors and also paying VAT. I have corresponded with SAHUC in February 2024 before I went for Haj in May/June 2024 and they did not furnish me with any satisfactory answers (see attached correspondence). Some of the SAHUC Board members are arrogant and a law unto themselves. Please note that I assisted Jakes Rawat in compiling the Affidavit in the complaint lodged to IRBA which found SAHUC's previous Auditors guilty of 7 different charges.

10. I went for Haj last year (2024CE/1445AH) and I can tell you from my personal experience and point of view that the over 30K paid to some service provider for the 5 days of Haj was exorbitant and no confidence

and reliance can be placed on the current SAHUC Board members to negotiate in the best interest of the Hujjaaj. It is simply inexplicable.

The above is not exhaustive and I could point out numerous other irregularities but will restrict them to the above due to time constraints.

I am copying Yacoob Rawat of Haj Watch and Hafiz Abu Bakr Rawat of UCSAH as they should be afforded an opportunity and right of reply to some of the disingenuous and dishonest comments made by Moaaz Casoo who is trying to pull wool over the listeners eyes. The above and attached speaks volumes of quite a different picture to what is being spun out on air to the public.

I thank you and trust you will keep your listeners well informed from all points of view about the intransigent way in which some of the SAHUC Board members act with impunity in quite a dictatorial manner.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and attachments thereto.

Jazakallah Khairun

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