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EXORBITANT HARAAM MADRASAH FEES

Question

Please view the Fee Structure of Darul Uloom Zakariyya. Are these exorbitant fee amounts permissible? Please comment.



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FEES STRUCTURE: 1443/1444 (2022/2023)

Please be advised the fees for the academic year is as follows:

Registration (once off)	R100.00
Maintenance per year	R350.00

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Fees over 12 instalments (R2250 x12)	R27 000.00
(Hifz, Aalim ,including final year and Takhassus students)	
Bed & Mattress	R1150.00
TOTAL :	R28 600.00

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Most certainly these exorbitant fees charged by an Institution imparting Knowledge of the Qur'aan and Hadith are exploitive and haraam. It is tantamount to trading the Deen for a miserable price. The Qur'aan Majeed states: *"Do not trade my Aayaat for a miserable price."*

During the early era of Islam it was haraam to pay a wage to the Muath-thin of the Musjid. It was haraam to pay an Imaam. It was haraam to pay Ustaadh to teach the Qur'aan. This was the unanimous fatwa of the Fuqaha-e-Mutaqaddimeen – The Fuqaha of the Salfus Saaliheen era – the Fuqaha of Khairul Quroon.

It is a great pity and extremely disgusting that the Madaaris have become mercenary institutions. That is precisely why the Ulama of the Darul Ulooms refrain from proclaiming the Haqq. They have abandoned *Amr Bil Ma'roof Nahy Anil Munkar* because of their mercenary attributes. The Ulama no longer have *Yaqeen* although they blow much hot air about *yaqeen* and *tawakkul* in their bayaans. *Tawakkul* is a strange concept for the Ulama of this age. It is something antique to be shoved into oblivion or at best to make it a

topic of idle and futile story-telling. It has no practical significance and value for the Ulama. That is why the Madrasah charges such haram exorbitant fees for teaching the Qur'aan and Hadith.

The later fatwa of permissibility of paying Ustaadhs wages, issued by the later Fuqaha was based on extreme necessity. Since personnel of Tawakkul were no longer available to attend to these important and necessary Deeni activities, the Fuqaha based their permissibility fatwa on valid Shar'i principles.

The R28,600 annual fee of the Madrasah is absolute insanity and haraam. The Madrasah emulating kuffaar institutions have adopted the haraam fee structure which is the imposition of exploitation and *zulm* on students and their parents, as well as on the Institution of Zakaat, if the latter is utilized to capture the funds by way of the stratagem of *Tamleek*. And, who taught them the lesson of 'registration fee'? It is a haraam stupidity adopted from kuffaar institutions.

There is no need for the Madaaris/Darul Uloom to charge fees. These Madaaris have such donors who bask and swim in wealth. They donate millions to these Institutions. The Madrasah personnel bask in luxury. They come within the purview of the Hadith, in which Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"The noblest of ages is my era, then the next era, then the next era.....Thereafter will come people who love obesity."

They will ruin their physical health and spiritual health with ill-gotten money. Their motive will be acquisition of money. They will roll in luxury and extravagance. Their obesity (fatness) will be the consequence of love for the dunya, hence money will be their primary objective. They will be such people about whom Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

"They will pursue the dunya with the amal of the Aakhirat."

Imparting knowledge of the Qur'aan and Hadith is the highest form of Tableegh. There is no greater and no more nobler Deeni activity than teaching the Qur'aan and Hadith which emanated from *Ghaar-e-Hira* (the Cave of Hira). Alas! This wonderful amal of the Aakhirat is despicably utilized to earn the miserable crumbs and *jeefah* (carrion) of the dunya.

Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: “*The best of you are those who learn and teach the Qur'aan.*” Those who have mercenary and worldly motives are excluded.

The argument of the funds necessary for the upkeep of the Madrasah, hence the need for these exploitive fees, is baseless and devoid of Shar'i substance. These Ulama are products of Darul Uloom Deoband or of Mazaahirul Uloom or of any other Deobandi Madrasah in India and Pakistan. They are aware of the fact that our Madaaris do not charge fees despite the poverty. Fees and Madrasah are two incompatible opposites.

Fees are despicable. The ta'leem must be solely for *Ridha-Ilaahi* (the Pleasure of Allah Ta'ala). He will make the arrangements for the operation of the Madrasah. The funds will be forthcoming in honourable ways, not in the despicable way of trading the Qur'aan and Hadith for a miserable and lousy pittance such as the fees of exploitation.

Besides the funding acquired from the haraam fees, the Darul Uloom receives millions annually from wealthy donors. There is therefore absolutely no need for extravasating and leeching these exorbitant fees from students or their parents or by the stratagem of *Tamleek*.

We are in the era in proximity to Qiyaamah, hence these evils must be expected. The Madaaris have also become signs of Qiyaamah. May Allah Ta'ala have mercy on us.