

Regarding What Has Been Spread About Shaykh Bilāl al-Sālimī (حفظه الله)

That Shaykh Ḥasan al-Bannā (رحمته الله) Spoke Against Him

Bismillāh wal-ḥamdulillāh.

Over the recent weeks, Dr. ‘Arafāt al-Muḥammadī is receiving just recompense for his gross violations of the Salafī methodology and his transgressions against Salafī shaykhs, students and callers. He has been exposed as a liar by numerous mashāyikh who brought clear examples of his lying in addition to his deceptive, cunning and conniving nature. This was something inevitable given that his corruption and evil could no longer be contained.

Years ago, he had a **narrow escape** during the Muṣa‘fiqah fitnah in which Muḥammad bin Hādī made premature *tabdī‘*, *taḍlīl*, *taḍdhīr* and *tajdī‘* without meeting the threshold of evidence required for such rulings and without having followed due process. He caused tremendous fitnah and worldwide splitting. His premature ruling of *tabdī‘*, the insufficient evidences he used and his harmful conduct were rejected by the scholars. Many scholars, shaykhs and students took the right stance against him, and it is strange that today, Dr. ‘Arafāt and his followers are engaged in attacking some of them.

Recently, after Shaykh Bilāl al-Sālimī (حفظه الله) started bringing evidences for his earlier statement that Dr. ‘Arafāt is a liar and that knowledge is not to be taken from him as the liar is abandoned, ‘Arafāt’s followers, **instead of addressing the actual evidences** which are compelling, began to attack Shaykh Bilāl by digging up old speech from Shaykh Ḥasan bin ‘Abd al-Wahhāb al-Bannā (رحمته الله) during the Muṣa‘fiqah fitnah itself.

I suspect that Dr. ‘Arafāt put them up to it, as it is established that he has errand boys in various countries, in Australia, India, Pakistan, Holland, Germany and elsewhere whom he directs and dictates to from “under the table”, suggesting to them and reviewing their posts and writings.

During the Muṣa‘fiqah fitnah, an individual known as Khālīd ‘Uthmān al-Miṣrī who sided with Muḥammad bin Hādī would use the opportunity in the frequent time he spent with Shaykh Ḥasan al-Bannā and lied to him regarding the affair of Muḥammad bin Hādī in the earlier stages of the fitnah. He would give wrong information which led the shaykh to speak against some of the Salafī mashāyikh in Egypt, and Shaykh Bilāl al-Sālimī (حفظه الله) was one of those. It is ironic that this speech was in relation to the issue of Muḥammad bin Hādī in which Shaykh Bilāl had the correct position. Shaykh ‘Allāmah Rabī‘ bin Hādī (رحمته الله) made Shaykh Ḥasan aware of this affair, as did others, and after he changed his view and adopted the right position, the confusion was removed, Shaykh Ḥasan praised Shaykh Bilāl and the affair was ended.

This is a matter well-known among the mashāyikh in Egypt and from them Shaykh ‘Alī al-Waṣīfī (رحمته الله) and some of his students who were present in Egypt at the time informed me about this.

So what we can conclude from this:

1. Dr. ‘Arafāt al-Muḥammadī is being unveiled for his lies and corruption with clear evidences.
2. His followers are being directed to character-assassinate the ones bringing the evidences, despite the fact that the evidences stand up on their own and are plentiful.
3. The most ironic thing is that the matter which they chose to attach Shaykh Bilāl al-Sālimī (حفظه الله) was his correct and firm position at the beginning of the fitnah of the Muṣa‘fiqah in which

Khālīd ‘Uthmān had influenced Shaykh Ḥasan, leading him to issue speech which he later retracted.

4. This pretty much sums up everything you need to know about Dr. ‘Arafāt and his followers. These are mostly young, impressionable and zealous boys, some of whom may not be entirely sincere and simply find in Dr. ‘Arafāt a stepping-stone to raise themselves by running these errands for brownie points. It is inconceivable that grown men would indulge in these types of activities under the direction of Dr. ‘Arafāt who operates from behind curtains and under tables.

5. Whoever *knowingly* spread this speech of Shaykh Ḥasan al-Bannā only reveals his deception, vileness and bigotry towards Dr. ‘Arafāt with a bigotry that is censured and prohibited. It is not possible to engage in such behaviour without knowing that you are engaged in falsehood. It is a must to beware of these people, for they are either hate-filled, enmitous individuals whose hate leads them to violate established Salafī principles and standards of academic integrity. Or, they are infiltrators and plants who desire to cause havoc within the Salafī da‘wah. Perhaps some of them are leftovers from previous fitan, or prior followers of ḥizbīs and personalities, or people of grievances, may Allāh guide them and protect us from infliction with trials.

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