

SUMMARY OF THE TRANSCRIPT

This was a fairly good, concise and accurate summary of the lengthier transcript document¹ done by someone and shared in a group via whatsapp, and later forwarded to me on 19 February 2025. I am making it available as a quick version, for those who do not have the time to read the lengthier document.

To summarise this then; Abu Iyad sent an hour long private voice message to 1 person, and then it was shared without permission, and then selectively quoted from, and badly translated, to make it look like Abu Iyad was undermining and criticising the scholars. Now this transcript has been finally released, there are some very clear takeaways which should conclusively end this debacle:

- Abu Iyad calls to the obedience of the rulers around 10 times in the audio.
- Abu Iyad emphasises the necessity of returning back to the Scholars for any hukm shar'iyy or Islamic ruling, which may be connected to a dunyawiyy (wordly) matter, and in anything that is confusing. He mentions this around 9 times.
- He didn't once call to the undermining of the Scholars, or insult them, or criticise them. In fact, he sent the Kibār such as Al-Fawzan and the Mufti questions himself.
- Abu Iyad mentions that there is a difference between worldly sciences and religious sciences, and each field has its specialists (which is common sense which all of Ahlus-Sunnah agree with). It is permitted to hold a medical opinion, and it is not a necessity that a religious scholar agrees with that opinion. However, if there is a

¹ <https://abuiyaad.com/d/transcript-audio-abuiyaad-english>.

hukm shar'iyy that is required connected to the medical opinion, now the scholars are asked.

- He mentions the principle that the scholars will pass rulings and fatawa in a conditional manner, based on the veracity of the worldly information that they are told. Once again: common sense, and you will find speech of the Imams of the Sunnah which validate this.
- The Muslims in the Muslim countries must obey their rulers — in the land that they are in. Not the rulers of other lands of their choosing.
- He mentions his own medical opinions, and then tells the listener to return to the Scholars in any issue that they are confused about. Clearly not telling them to abandon the scholars, nor accusing them of being scholars of Haydh and Nifaas — we seek Allāh's refuge from the paths of the Qutbiyyah and Surūriyyah.
- He did not attack the Arab people, and mentioning the state of medical research and development in the Arab world, and their preference for Western medicine is not “Arab-hatred” (shu'ūbiyyah).

All very straightforward Alhamdulillah.

For background details, please refer to:

<https://abuiyaad.com/a/response-allegations/print>