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Subject: PORK POLONY ALLEGEDLY FED TO MADRASSAH STUDENTS

Attention: Moulana Hashim Mohammed Boda Saheb,

Muhtaram,

Assalaamu 'alaikum

As you might be aware by now, we have been copied a letter addressed to yourselves concerning an allegation on "*pork polony*" served to students at your madrasah and are led to believe that your establishment is aware of this, in particular your son in law, Moulana Farhaan Patel. In fact a picture of the offensive polony wrapping was also enclosed with the said correspondence addressed to you.

This is indeed a very serious allegation leveled against your madrasah and its management.

Islam finds it abhorrent if a charge without evidential basis is levelled against any individual, whether pauper, president, institution, Aalim, laity, male or female. Such a charge is hearsay or conjecture. The Noble Quraan itself has warned believers to verify any information before making utterances, "*O you who believe! If a transgressor brings you news, verify it lest you harm a people in ignorance. You will then be regretful about what you did.*" (Surah al-Hujaraat, verse 6)

Coupled with this Quraanic instruction of clarifying information we have been given clear advice in the Hadith of Rasulullah *sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam* in these matters. Al-Imaam Muslim *rahimahullah* narrated that Hafs ibn `Aasim *radhiyallahu 'anhu* said: Rasulullah *sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam* said: "*It is sufficient for a person to be called a liar if he conveys all that he hears*".

Notwithstanding the differences that we have and the considerable acrimony displayed against us by yourselves, in keeping with the directive of the Quraan and Sunnah, we write to you for clarity and seek your comments in the matter.

Will you please advise us of the following:-

1. From whom was this product sourced and what are their contact details?
2. Is this supplier a Muslim or non-Muslim and do they process Halaal and non-Halaal meat on their premises?
3. The wrapper mentions the manufacturers address as: Cooling farm, P.O. Box 217, Dalton, 3236. Is this the business which supplied you the product?

4. Where else does your madrasah source its meat supplies from, if the supplier in point number 2 is not your sole source of meat supply?
5. What sanctions were laid down if any, in this matter and corrective action taken to prevent any recurrences?

We are concerned at the problem of labelling in the industry as has been highlighted previously and therefore welcome your comments.

Insha-Allah, this will also dispel and put to rest any rumors emanating if the incident is left without clarity or explanation on your part.

We pray that you will favour us with a swift reply.

Was Salaam,

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