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Attention: Molvi A.S Desai

Molvi sahib,

Assalâmu ‘alaikum

Your Slander against SANHA

Most Muslims of our country and even some abroad are aware of your extremist prejudicial views and opinions expressed over the years through your off spring tabloid mouthpiece, the Majlis.

Your litany of vilifications and revilements have become the hallmark of yellow journalism and has spewed venom on many Muslim institutions including Muslim Schools, Islamic banks, Darul Uloom, Khanqahs, Islamic Radio stations, Da‘wah and Tableegh Jamâ‘ah, Akâbireen and leading local Ulamâ, world renowned Muslim scholars, Muslim women who attempt to embrace Islamic dress code, the Jamiatul Ulama, **SANHA** and even the Jihâd in Afghanistan and the list goes on . . . Perhaps it might be simpler to ask who have you not spared?

Your rag and by extension yourself as editor and proprietor have no qualms to stoop to assigning offensive names to organisations and individuals who hold a different view to your self-opinionated ones. You display a voracious appetite for this and have labeled us in your past publications as fussâq, fujjâr, munâfiqeen, and even murtaddeen (apostates) (*na-‘oothu-billah*).

And as for the Islamic and journalistic principle of verifying information or hearing the other side, this is absolutely foreign to you, notwithstanding your own slogans and pontifications where your mast states in your issue (Vol 18 no 4) “**He who believes in Allah and the last day should speak what is virtuous or remain silent**”. You have never bothered to contact us in our 12 years of existence on a single occasion to verify any item about SANHA. In fact you beat a hasty retreat when a SANHA Ulama delegation called at your home in Port Elizabeth to meet with you.

There is a huge gulf of difference in proselytizing your opinion and the facts of a matter. The beauty of living in a democratic country like ours is that you are entitled to hold opinions no matter how bizarre they are!

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Your tabloid issue Vol 18, No 4 is no exception where in your headline you perpetuate your falsehood by asking boldly ***“Why did SANHA’s supervisors resign?”*** You then plumb the depths of malevolence by reporting inter alia that the two Molvi supervisors of SANHA, appointed to supervise Halaal had resigned and that ***SANHA*** needed to explain the reasons to the community. According to you, ***SANHA*** was ***“hushing up the matter”*** and that ***“the sole concern is money”***

The fatal flaws in your vilification are that:

1. ***SANHA*** has never employed any supervisors at Early Bird farms, nor does it issue instructions to those employed there.
2. ***SANHA*** is not the certifying authority at this plant nor does it receive any payments from them.

In view of the above facts how can anyone except the Majlis tabloid venture into a major story with absolute untruths and misinformation that causes untold harm. An apt description of what can only be described in our opinion as ***‘Supreme Fitnah’***.

When SANHA did not react to your false ranting, then as in the past, a leaflet echoing the identical sentiments surfaced in Johannesburg under a *nom de plume*.

Alhamdulillah, the allegations were soundly dealt with and cruelly exposed as false on Radio Islam.

We have no doubt that you will in partnership with others continue to intensify your vilification campaign against us now that the fatal flaw in your role of a self appointed custodian of righteousness has been exposed. In fact we expect the next issue of the Majlis to be a ***“SANHA”*** issue and who knows we might even ***“qualify”*** to have a separate publication vilifying us further.

In the final analysis, there is a saying that is appropriate for this situation, where it says, ***“the dog barks, but the caravan moves on”***.

Notwithstanding the ocean of difference and prejudice you have put between us, we wish you and your family good health and peace over the blessed Ramadhân period and pray for your and our guidance towards tolerance, respect and seeking Allah Ta’âlâ’s Divine Pleasure.

Was salâm,

for South African National Halaal Authority



MY Seedat (Mufti)