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Attention: Molvi A.S Desai

Molvi AS Desai,

Assalâmu 'alaykum

According to the jaundiced and prejudicial views expressed in your tabloid, the Majlis, you have repeated *ad nauseam* which you cannot deny, that you hold and propagate the following views on the status of all Halaal processed poultry in South Africa:-

### 1. "All chickens slaughtered in South Africa including Earlybird and Rainbow are Haram and that they are in fact carrion".

To quote from your writings you state-

***"The MJC has no perception of Shar'i supervision and no concept of halaal and Haram. In fact, the very senior Sheikhs of the MJC have always discarded the importance of reciting Tasmiyah when slaughtering. By them, it is an optional issue of insignificance. In the past we have thoroughly proven that they do not understand even the masaa-il of the shafi'i Math-hab on the issue of Thabh."***

***"Muslims are urged to abstain from ALL processed chickens- Early Bird Rainbow and every other kind of chickens certified and approved by SANHA or any other so-called 'halaal authority'. These 'halaal authorities' have certified and fed Maitah (diseased carrion) to the Muslim community for years."***

***"The first step in this direction in our situation is to abstain from SANHA, MJC, and NIHT certified Haram maitah (carrion)"***

2. You declared that, “SANHA as a certifying body with its staff and ULAMA are ‘murtads’ (apostates), i.e. out of the fold of Islam”.

Therefore, slaughter by “murtads” would render the products Haraam.

3. You wrote that “*the word of a non-muslim manufacturer is more reliable and acceptable than the words and assurances of a body such as SANHA*” and that “*the certification SANHA issues has no validity*”.

Does that mean all that is certified is infact Haraam?

4. “SANHA indulges in riba (interest) money”.  
“*The funds it sucks from traders on the basis of these Haraam scraps of papers and for its lousy superficial ‘inspections’, is Riba according to the Shariah.*”

SANHA according to you indulges in riba and the products they certify are Haraam.

From the above assertions, it is patently clear to anyone with the slightest modicum of common sense to understand that according to you and your views (not facts), all Halaal certified products are Haraam.

Furthermore, your tabloids view on poultry from commercial abattoirs being Haraam has been consistent through the years. Why then do you and your minions create a red herring and persist with your vendetta and propaganda of diversionary and irrelevant issues such as line speed, number of birds slaughtered per minute, inspections, supervision, packaging, contamination etc? We respectfully question how will the ‘*unfettered inspections*’ that you and your agents, the ‘*independent group of Jamiat Gauteng molvis*’ want to conduct, change your well known and documented view of Haraam. Is your Haraam ruling conditional in that after making public declarations and taking mighty oaths that you are still unsure and need to check on your facts by wanting to do inspections?

Is it due to your frustration that perhaps you are faced with dwindling support and the majority of Muslims do not heed your call to “***abstain from buying, selling, and eating Haraam processed chickens?***” Is it possible that like Mr. Bush’s unjust war against Iraq your campaign is calculated to deflect attention from real issues or is there perhaps a hidden agenda?

Is it possible that you have now tired from the vilification of many Muslim institutions, including Muslim Schools, Islamic banks, Dârul Uloom, Khânqâhs, Islamic radio stations, Da’wah and Tableegh Jamâ’ah, Akâbireen and leading local Ulama, world renowned Muslim scholars, Muslim women who attempt to embrace Islamic dress code, the Jamiatul Ulama, and even the Mujâhideen and the list goes on, and now need an organisation with the public profile of **SANHA** as a new target for your dastardly attacks?

Alhamdulillah! warts and all, we live in a great country where struggle leaders such as Mr. Mandela and others fought for the liberties we enjoy today such as freedom of expression, association, religion and choice.

In keeping with this freedom, your declaration of these products as Haraam and your vowed aversion to anything **SANHA**, why don't you establish your own certifying body with its own standards and brand of Islam and allow the community the freedom of choice to select whose advice they wish to follow.

However, it is easier to indulge in vilifying and vitriolically castigating institutions and individuals that do not agree with you from behind a laager of leaflets than making a positive contribution to the development of the Ummah and society in general.

It is our prayer during this Mubârak month of Ramadhaan that you pause for a moment, reflect and abandon your *holier than thou* attitude before rushing off to release another torrent of abuse against somebody.

Was salâm

We remain your brothers in Islam (***even though you regard us out of the fold***).

***for South African National Halaal Authority***

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MY Seedat', written over a horizontal line.

MY Seedat (*Mufti*)