

In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent.

Praise be to the Lord of all worlds. Prayers and peace be upon our Prophet, Muhammad, his family and all of his companions.

To the honorable Brother, Shaykh Abu Yahya, Allah protect him.

Peace be upon you with the mercy and blessings of Allah.

I hope that this letter finds you all, your families, your children, and all of the Brothers well and in good health.

I received Shaykh Mahmud's letter and I had requested from him the nomination of a deputy for him. Thus, he nominated a number of Brothers and you were on the top of the list. However, he would prefer that you not busy yourself with administrative duties and that you [remain] dedicated to the duties of the Shari'ah Council. I believe his opinion to be just, especially after receiving the letters from Somalia and their pressing requirements for Shari'ah consultation.

It is not overlooked that you have the greatest of responsibilities cast upon all of our shoulders. For, in reality, there has been an Emirate established on the ground in Somalia with millions of followers. For taking concern in this is a duty upon us [all], especially in the terms of Shari'ah [guidance]. We have been working day and night to [achieve] what we desire in the establishment of a Muslim Nation. Therefore, we must guide them, not only in answering inquiries they may send to us in regards to Shari'ah, but it is also our duty to imagine what we can possibly provide them with. [We must] carry out research for them and send [such research] to them, for this is a grand duty. A large part of this is tied in with all of you. I ask that Allah guide all of you in this matter and facilitates you. May He grant you success in what it is that He desires. It is not overlooked by Him, the importance of these duties, which are scarcely available. In regards to the administrative side, it is possible for a number of the nominated Brothers to carry out such duties.

I consider all of you to be on the same level as the companion Khalid Bin al-'As, may Allah find favor in him, when he was dismissed by Abu Bakr, may Allah find favor in him, a famous saying of his being, "By God, you did not hide your Emirate from me and did not displease me with your glory."

Your position with us is of great [stature] and you have been called upon for the necessity to carry out such a grand duty with the goal of a Muslim Emirate in Somalia. I ask the Almighty to guide your decisions and to protect all of you and allow you to benefit Islam and the Muslims.

I will be pleased with all of you to send me your specific findings with conclusions of truth [regarding] the apostates and all of your reports and publications.

In conclusion: I ask that the Almighty Allah grants us all success in all that pleases Him and that He takes us all in. He is the Master of all and capable of such. Lately, we call for praise to Allah, the Lord of all worlds. Prayers and peace be upon our Prophet, Muhammad, his family, and all of his companions.

Peace be upon you with the mercy and blessings of Allah.

Your Brother, Zamaray

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