

TESTIMONY 3

Testimony of Abu Arwa Ali Mir

**Former Shoora Member of “Salafi Dawah Lancs”
alongside Abu Mu’aadh Taqweem, and a Da’ee who
Studied in Yemen and Madinah.**

Witness of Abu Arwa Ali Mir

Regarding the Behaviour of Abu Mu'aadh Taqweem Aslam

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In the spring of 2020, Abu Muadh Taqweem of Nelson (Britain) expressed his displeasure towards me when I was sharing translations and articles by Shaikh Abu Iyaad on the topic of contagion and covid. The published material was very beneficial in providing the reader with comprehensive insight on the subject matter and the various nuanced views of the scholars, including Imam Al-Albani's specific stipulations in the case of affirming contagion. Due to Taqweem's strange, emotional and erratic reactions to my sharing of the articles, I decided not to engage with him on this subject anymore. He requested that the articles should be discussed with him first before I share them on our WhatsApp group, which I did not comply with. After a few weeks, the end result of my non-compliance was an inappropriate outburst from Taqweem, accusing me of being a foolish man, fitnah-maker and threatening to remove me from the da'wah in our town of Nelson. I then messaged him my notification of resigning from the da'wah charity committee in Nelson and that may Allah bless the remaining committee members in their future efforts.

I then decided to move to the city of Stoke. A few weeks later, Taqweem found out about my move and sent orders via Nasir Hanif and Ilyas Ahmed (the other two committee members) demanding me to have a meeting with him. I made it clear to both of them that gathering together as brothers is no issue for me, however a meeting on this matter I will not entertain as there is no benefit based upon past events. My refusal to have a meeting with Taqweem, resulted in him writing a 7 page document against me which he asked Nasir and Ilyas to sign as witnesses. Both of them initially refused to sign, but then inevitably agreed and signed. Ilyas has since retracted, declaring that he did not agree with the document, that I was incorrectly portrayed and that I was wronged.

In the document, Taqweem threatens to send it to relevant Salafi individuals and marakiz. Some of them contacted me and were baffled as to why Taqweem has got them involved. Only recently I discovered that Taqweem contacted the Salafis of Stoke regarding me once I had moved there with my family. This behaviour of Taqweem's is exactly what results in the destroying of brotherhood and sowing seeds of disunity which he accuses others of, and Allah's aid is sought.

I purposefully decided against responding to Taqweem's document as I saw no benefit. However, considering recent events, it is appropriate for relevant people to see the reality of what occurred and how Taqweem's

un-praiseworthy behaviour with his Salafi brothers is not an isolated case but includes both those that are far and near to him.

I ask Allah that this testimony contributes in being of some benefit for this blessed da'wah and the decisions that are made for it. Ameen.

Abu Arwa Ali Mir

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corresponding to 22nd May 2024.

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Additional Testimony:

Regrettably, the observations made regarding our brother Taqweem Aslam are true and correct. I knew him as a beneficial and humble taalib 'ilm while we were both students in Madinah and he continued like that for many years. However in the past 7 or so years, the brother seems to have adopted an unbecoming approach in dealing with his Salafi brothers. Banning brothers from our community dinners due to them not attending his lectures. Writing a baseless and senseless document

against his Salafi brother who wishes not to engage with him in fruitless arguments. Feigning dominance by threatening to spread the document to other Salafi marakiz and individuals. Unwarranted abusive and disrespectful speech when in disagreement (often due to his preconceived misunderstandings). And the culmination of this is Taqweem's unprecedented attitude towards his elders and teachers who honoured him for so many years. Previously, Taqweem himself would have reprimanded anyone who tried to undermine his seniors at Al-Maktabah As-Salafiyyah, and rightfully so. Sadly, now he seems to have committed himself to such a dishonourable cause. May Allah grant our brother success in returning back to his previous state of praiseworthy cooperation with the people of Sunnah of his land.