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إن العين تدمع والقلب يحزن، ولا نقول إلا ما يرضى ربنا، وإنا بفراقك يا أباي لمحزونون

Our eyes tear, our hearts grieve, but we will only say what pleases our Rabb. My Beloved father, we are indeed saddened by your separation.

(See Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 1303)

The passing away of my Beloved father, Hazrat Moulana Haroon Abasoomar saheb (rahimahullah) [3.6.2020] has saddened many throughout the globe.

A man, born and grown up in a village of Carolina in Mpumalanga province, South Africa, having touched and inspired countless people around the globe is insha Allah a sign of his acceptance by Allah Ta'ala.

Many people have phoned, emailed or messaged their condolences.

It might be impossible for me to take every call, reply to every message or email.

I therefore would like to thank all.

I would also like to thank all those who served him in any capacity. From the doctors, to his family, friends, well wishers, colleagues & students. All of whom tried to make his life as comfortable as possible.

Allah Ta'ala had blessed my Beloved Father (rahimahullah) with sincere people who took it as their honour to serve him.

Allah Ta'ala had placed unique love for him in the hearts of people across the world.

There were people who would make dua for him daily and make isaal thawab for him frequently even in his lifetime.

To all, I say: **JazakAllahu khayran wa Ahsanal Jaza. May Allah bless you all in both worlds. Your true reward is in the Akhirah insha Allah.**

May Allah Ta'ala reward everyone and grant all Sabr Jameel.

We were all indeed blessed to have been with him for whatever period Allah destined. He was indeed a great bounty of Allah Ta'ala upon all of us. However, I implore one and all to cherish the remaining senior 'Ulama that we still have. Cherish them by serving them, and more importantly by learning from and being inspired through them.

I also ask one and all to forgive him for any misunderstanding.

Literally, his last words to me hours before his passing were:

'Forgive me for anything said or done.'

If there is anything owed to anyone, kindly contact me via email without any hesitation.

Many people -some of whom I don't even know- said that he had lots of time for them. In addition to all his duties and responsibilities of a senior 'Alim of his country, he took time out for the general people too. He loved every sector of the Ummah Muhammadiyyah.

For the Ummah, he sacrificed everything; his time, health, life and family.

I ask you to now do the same and take out time to make du'a for his complete Maghfirat (forgiveness) and eternal bliss in Jannatul Firdaws without any Hisab. Please also recite Quran as isaal thawab for him. Any other nafl deed/charity can also be done as isaal thawab.

Allah decides best, and we all submit to His will.

His last written words to me were about my sojourn to Turkey, to engage in the service of the Mubarak Hadith of Nabi (sallallahu'alayhi wasallam) in the shadow of My Honourable Teacher; Al-'Allamatul Muhaddith, Shaykh Muhammad 'Awwamah (hafizahullah).

I had messaged him two days prior to his passing about the research that I am engaged with & that My Ustad was extremely appreciative to him for sending me.

His reply was:

'Wa alaykum salaam

Jazakallah

Masha Allah

Allah Ta'ala accept.'

His love for Nabi (sallallahu'alayhi wasallam), and the Hadith of Nabi (sallallahu'alayhi wasallam) and in particular for My Honourable Teacher; Al-'Allamatul Muhaddith, Shaykh Muhammad 'Awwamah (hafizahullah) led us to part ways four months before his passing.

When My Honourable Teacher; Al-'Allamatul Muhaddith, Shaykh Muhammad 'Awwamah (hafizahullah) received the sad news, he made du'a and then admired the sacrifice of My Beloved father saying:

'My **first meeting** with him was [20 years ago] in Madinah Munawwarah, and his purpose at that time was to send his son to study by me.'

Shaykh continued:

'The **final meeting** was also in Madinah Munawwarah [this past January] with the same purpose; to hand over his son to be with me.'

I make du'a that all his efforts and specifically this sacrifice of parting with his son for Deen is accepted by Allah 'Azza wa Jall, and inspires many others to do the same for the beautiful Deen of Islam.

My beloved father (rahimahullah) would often quote the following Hadith:

رحم الله والدا أعان ولده على بره

May Allah shower his mercy on that father who assists his son in the path of good/piety.

(Ibn Wahb & Abu Shaykh)

My Father left this world with the following assets:

1. Imam of Isipingo Beach Masjid for 43 years.
2. Principal of the Isipingo Beach Maktab.
3. Teacher of Sahih Bukhari for over 20 years.
4. Founder and Ameer of Darul Hadith Research Centre.
5. Trustee of Darul Uloom Newcastle.
6. Ameer of Madrasah Anwarul Islam, Cape Town.
7. Ameer of Madrasatul Binnory -consisting of over 50 Maktabs in the Philipines.
8. Head of the Syrian refugee Maktab project by Darul Hadith, Istanbul.
9. Trustee of several Masajid/Institutions.
10. An avid supporter of the Khatm Nubuwwat effort. This was something he did passionately in the last few years of his life. (Rahimahullah).

These are some of the engagements that he was still actively involved in despite his critical health condition. These are in addition to his community service, in visiting the ill, bereaved or elderly etc.

May Allah Ta'ala accept all his efforts and grant us the tawfiq to follow in his footsteps.

In our last detailed conversation on the phone, I mentioned to him that this year, we -at Darul Hadith- have commenced with his biography. I humbly appeal to anyone who has anything to share about my Beloved father (rahimahullah) to kindly email his/her experience to admin@darulhadith.co.za and to add his name in the subject and your name at the end of the email.

I make du'a that Allah Ta'ala brings it to fruition and makes it an inspiration for all.

May Allah Ta'ala grant my Beloved Father (rahimahullah) the highest stages in Jannah with the Ambiya, Sahabah, Shuhada and Siddiqueen.

وآخر دعوانا أن الحمد لله رب العالمين

Muhammad Ibn Moulana Haroon Abasoomar

6.6.20.