

Misrepresentation by a Maulana from South Africa

See on the left the image of an interview in *Nawa-i-Waqt*, Urdu newspaper, Lahore, 31st May 2008.

The page is not numbered in the newspaper, but is number 20 as it comes after number 19.

This interview is printed in the lower half of the full page, on the right hand side.

See the passage which we have marked by a red line on the right.

The item shown above in the newspaper *Nawa-i-Waqt* is a short interview with a Maulana Mufti Zubair Bayat, who is introduced as President of the *Jami'at-ul-Ulama* of the Natal province in South Africa. The Maulana was interviewed by a *Nawa-i-Waqt* correspondent during the Maulana's visit to Makka where he was performing *Umra*.

The translation of the passage which we have marked by a red line is as follows:

"Q: How many Qadianis are there in South Africa, and what line of action are the Muslims there taking in order to defeat the mischief of Qadianiyyat?"

"A: A few years ago, Muslims in South Africa instituted a court case against Qadianiyyat in the High Court. They made it clear that the Ahmadiyya community is not a sect of Islam but is a new religion. They have no connection with Muslims; in fact, the Qadianis are a non-Muslim group. The High Court of South Africa considered the beliefs of the Qadianis and, being sensitive to the feelings of the Muslims, it ruled in favour of Muslims by declaring the Qadianis as kafir. On the side of the Muslims, Ulama from Pakistan such as Maulana Manzoor Ahmad Chinioti and others played an important role. If today there are any Qadianis in South Africa, it must be an insignificant number."

Comments on above reply by Dr Zahid Aziz:

This Maulana is from South Africa and therefore cannot plead ignorance for his misstatements in this reply. While being on *Umra* in Makka, he has uttered a number of absolute untruths in his reply. Due to my involvement in our Cape Town court cases, **I know it for a fact** that the Maulana has made the following misrepresentations:

- 1. **No "Qadiani"** was at all involved in any such court case in South Africa. In one case it was a member of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement and in the other case it was a Sunni imam who was being persecuted by the ulama because he regarded Ahmadis as Muslims. This was in the 1980s.
- 2. The "Muslims in South Africa" **never** instituted any court case against any Ahmadi. Both court cases were instituted **against the Ulama.**
- 3. No court in South Africa has at all, ever, ruled that Ahmadis (or Qadianis for that matter) are kafir. In fact, in the case that concluded in 1985 the court ruled that Lahore Ahmadis, the plaintiffs, are Muslims. The court ruled that the Ulama were defaming our members by calling them kafir, and it prohibited them from continuing this defamation.
- 4. The claim of the Maulana that "Muslims in South Africa" filed a suit is quite **shameful** for the following further reasons. (a) The Ulama vigorously submitted to the court in 1984 that the court, being secular, was not qualified to determine who is a Muslim. (b) When the court ruled in favour of the Ahmadi plaintiff, the Pakistani Ulama and legal experts who had been helping the Ulama in South Africa published statements in Pakistani newspapers in November 1985 saying that "the judge was a biased Jew" and as "Qadianis are agents of Israel" therefore he ruled in their favour.

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But now history is turned on its head and we are told that the Ulama actually themselves initiated the legal action to prove that Ahmadis are non-Muslims, and the court gave its ruling in favour of the Ulama . What happened to the "biased Jewish judge" story that was splashed in Pakistani newspapers in November 1985 by these Ulama?

Zahid Aziz 13th June 2008.