



24th of January 2010

My dear spiritual child,

I have received your communication of 4th January 2010, with a copy of the book that you have published.

Over some time now, I have viewed with concern the inappropriate and unauthorised private initiative of some spiritual children who print, publish and circulate in various forms the texts of Farmans attributed to me and also to my late grandfather, as well as Talikas and voice recordings. This is a serious and absolutely unacceptable breach of the Imam's right and responsibility, established over many centuries, to safeguard the integrity of his communications to the Jamat, and which are conveyed in the context of the privileged relationship of the Imam with his murids.

As Imam, I have established a process for the publication and circulation of my Farmans, whereby responsibility has been entrusted to the Jamati institutions that I appoint under the provisions of the Ismaili Constitution, which I have ordained for my Jamat's social governance globally.

This process is intended to ensure that the Farmans are printed, published or otherwise circulated with the Imam's specific personal approval, and only by the institutions that he has authorised. Throughout our history, my predecessors and I have taken special care to ensure that the Jamat may always be certain that, in times of war as in times of peace, the communications they receive from the Imam-of-the-Time have genuinely come from him, without any modifications by others. Indeed, murids have given their lives to protect the messages conveyed to the Jamat by the Imam-of-the-Time. As a thoughtful murid, you and those who have participated in your unfortunate initiative, will know that there is no room whatsoever for any compromise in this matter.

I believe that this has been explained to you by the institutions on a number of occasions. I, therefore, expect you, and the other murids who are working with you, immediately to take all the necessary measures to recall and to withdraw from

circulation your recent publication and the accompanying mp3 device, and cease their printing and distribution. Also, I would like you to deliver all remaining stocks of these materials to the Institute of Ismaili Studies at 210, Euston Road, London NW1 2DA.

I am aware that you perceive your efforts, including the website that you have established and operate, as a service to the Imam and the Jamat, but I also wish you to understand that wisdom lies in abiding by the procedures and processes that the Imam establishes, and in respecting the Ismaili Constitution in both its letter and spirit. This is a matter that I, like my predecessors as the Imams-of-Their-Time, have and continue to view with the greatest seriousness, and I hope that within 72 hours of your receiving this message, you will confirm to me directly, exceptionally, that you understand both the gravity of this matter, which already had an unfortunate precedent about which you were cautioned, and that it can be closed immediately and definitively.

I send to you and your family my best loving blessings.

Yours affectionately,

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