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After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on:

### AL-HUJURAT : GHIBBAT (PART 6)

Islam is such a religion where Allah has made available to believers all solutions to various problems, and it [i.e. Islam] has also taught man how to live his life.

Despite the presence of all these divine teachings, but the problems keep spreading and continue to get worse every day, like I explained to you in my sermon last Friday on the relationship between mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and daughter-in-law, on how many problems arise in a home, between a couple, and how a mother-in-law should treat her daughter-in-law, without creating problem in a home and how a daughter-in-law should deal with her mother-in-law. Often, the daughters-in-law are intolerant and constantly fill their husbands' ears [with negative comments against the husbands' family] to keep them away from their mums and other family members. Yet when the Quran mentioned the subject of marriage, it mentioned it in such a way that the subject of pity (*Rehem*) is brought up towards the parents of the couple, i.e. the parents of the husband as well as the parents of the wife. It applies both ways.

So, in this sense, we must try to reform the society and here too it is "*Ghibbat*" (backbiting) that causes the worst effect. Be it the mother-in-law and the sisters-in-law who are making "*Ghibbat*" of the daughter-in-law or be it the daughter-in-

law who backbites her in-laws in the presence of her husband. And each time the daughter-in-law (wife) can make such complaints to her husband: *"I am a victim, they hurt me, they ridicule me and treat me in a bad way."* And she says this in such a tone and in such a way that the husband is angry with his own family. She does this so that he harbours hatred for his family. She incites him to violence.

So, all this is not a blessed effort. On the contrary, society is getting worse because of these misdeeds. And so, that's why this topic on backbiting and how to get rid of it has been chosen and elaborated. If you look at it in reference with the love for Allah and His Messenger, it will be easy for you. Sometimes when you look at it in both ways, you shall see that from the religious point of view it is not that bad [i.e. the issue has not yet crossed the threshold of evil]. It is as if compartments and the disease has attacked only a part only, while the other compartments are healthy. They [i.e. the people] have some good qualities too and they write [to me] asking for *duahs* so that they may receive the love of Allah in them. Sometimes some women write about their husbands, that they just only have such weakness (failing) in them, otherwise they are very good, they are very pious and perform the *Salat* (prayers) and are attached to *Deen* (Islam), to the truth which comes from Allah. For such kind of person, if you talk with him, he will listen [and obey]!

So, in this case, the disease has not attacked the whole body; it only attacked a part of it. For this kind of person whose cancer [i.e. spiritual malady] has not yet spread, and is restricted to a certain part of the body, then there is a greater chance that he will be healed. So, if in the other parts of the body there is the love of Allah and the love of the prophet (pbuh), then the part which is infected [by such spiritual illness] can also be cured with this love. Before doing anything, you should always remember Allah, that is to say, you should ponder over this: Will Allah be happy with the deeds that I have done, or that I will do? Moreover, will the Messenger of Allah also be happy?

Therefore, think well before you do something, think about its consequences on your spiritual life as well as on your daily life. What will then happen to all the *duahs* which you state that you have done with love for Allah and His prophet, especially when you commit such actions which you know are most displeasing to Allah and His Prophet?

If the behaviour itself also is not good, and if the person continues to tread on such paths which are displeasing to Allah, this means that he has cut his connection of love with Allah. Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has mentioned this exactly like this. He has stated that if you cut your connection with the people, then you are cutting also your connection with Allah.

So, whether it is the daughter-in-law who does everything in her power to make her husband break away from his family, or if it is his family who does everything to separate [or create problems between] husband and wife, then at that moment all their remaining good deeds shall not be worth anything. And like the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said, Allah also cuts His bond with such people. When children grow up in such families, they develop bad behaviour, bad morals. And the boys and girls of such families who then marry bring forward this bad conduct also in the midst of their new families. And this becomes like [as widespread as] an epidemic.

To be able to redress the situation of the community, and its surroundings, you need to understand these things very well. You need to understand its roots [source]. And if you do not know how to judge the situation correctly, then how would you be able to cure those [spiritually] sick people? It is not enough to just make speeches and say to stop backbiting; you need to explain it in details and in such a formidable way that the heart stops the plague of backbiting people from entering its realm. It is the heart that will have the upper hand on such maladies. They will not even want to penetrate such a heart [i.e., one that is pure, clean, pious]. Sometimes, when such maladies grip the heart, going deep into it, they invade and run into the blood also. Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has also said that Satan runs through people like blood. He was asked whether there was a Satan in him also. He replied: Yes, but [by the help of Allah on me] he became a Muslim; he surrendered/ submitted.

So, you have the capacity to change the nature of evil and convert it into good. You can acquire control on the desire to commit evil and stop it in such a way that it becomes deaf, dumb and blind. This is because you have got an overall control on it. Therefore, you need to understand this subject of "*Ghibbat*" (backbiting) in such a way as to make you have complete power over it. It must be such a thing that you bury alive so as to hinder it from causing harm anymore. In your everyday lives, whenever you do such deeds, you need to ponder over all your

actions and ask yourself: Why are you doing all this? Are you deriving pleasure out of it? And if yes, why so? If you are deriving pleasure in doing this, then it means that you have not stopped eating the flesh of your dead brother.

I think that we need to fight (wage *Jihad*) against such a [an evil] practice. If we get the upper hand on "*Ghibbat*" (backbiting), then it would indeed be a great feat. In some Jamaat, there are men who backbite others; the women also indulge in "*Ghibbat*". It is tantamount to a group of people eating the flesh of their dead brethren. These kinds of persons don't relish eating good meat [in other words, indulge in good practices], but they relish eating the flesh of dead people, which means that they have not developed the feel or taste to eat [i.e. practice] good things.

Thus, someone who takes pleasure in eating the flesh of dead people [i.e. backbiting], it then becomes difficult to remove such vice from him for he has developed in himself the pleasure to eat such despicable things, i.e. the flesh of dead people [backbiting]. These kinds of people must repent, ask forgiveness from Allah and they should take a firm decision to stay away from this vice once and for all.

Sometimes, when you do not respect the rights of a meeting, that also is condemnable like a crime. Whenever it happens that we, people, need to hold a meeting [be it a worldly or spiritual one], and we happen to mention someone whom everyone know but without uncovering his weaknesses, and without the intention to backbite him, so, if the intention is not bad, then it is something which can be forgiven, but if mention is made of him in an intentional way to cause him harm, this is indeed very grievous. If you leave the meeting, and spread negative comments around on the account of that person, in that very moment, you are breaking a sacred trust (*Amanat*), for the people constituting the meeting had trusted you with it, they placed trust in you to keep all talks confidential. This also forms part of the teachings of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) whereby he said that what has been said in a meeting is an *Amanat* (i.e. a trust). And it is a sin to relate it to others, without permission.

You should then be very careful concerning this matter. But I need to tell you also [how to differentiate] where something is an *Amanat* (trust) and where also it is the right of the public to know about it. When it is about something which will

help to revive the faith of people, then this matter can be shared with other people, those who were absent from the meeting. As long as it is a good thing, then this can be shared with others to revitalize their faith but if in a meeting there was the mention of someone [especially, in a bad light] and you go and share with others what has been said on the person in a private meeting, then this is synonymous with creating hatred in the hearts of people for this person, and this is a very condemnable (illicit) practice, and you should not even share this to the concerned person [i.e. the one who was the subject of discussion in the meeting] himself. If ever you need to relate this to others [or to the concerned party], then you should first of all seek the permission of the head of the meeting.

If we can establish ourselves on this principle, then we may be able to eradicate backbiting (*Ghibbat*). It is crucial that I present before you very important Hadiths on this subject. I will have to momentarily stop my sermons on Al-Hujurat (Chapter 49 of the Holy Quran) and on "*Ghibbat*" (backbiting), but *Insha-Allah*, I will come on this subject again in about two to four weeks, and I shall present to you these Hadiths. *Insha-Allah*.

I hope that all Muslims, the members of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam and humanity as a whole understand this very well, and that we, the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam, try to safeguard our conducts as we have been created as witnesses to correct the conducts [behaviour] of all mankind [and we must therefore correct ourselves first]. May Allah (swt) enable us to accomplish this task [wonderfully] and reach to the required level/ status [as desired by Allah for us]. *Ameen*.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ELECTION IN MAURITIUS**

As you know, Sunday, 06 October 2019, the Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth announced as a Breaking News the dissolution of the parliament and fixed the date of the general elections on 07 November 2019. He made this announcement after he made the launch of the Metro Express on Thursday, 03 October 2019 which was funded by the Government of India, and after a live speech from India by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is right after the launch that Pravind Jugnauth - according to the instructions from his Gurus and counsellors - without thinking, on Sunday the 06 October 2019 in the afternoon made this announcement. By doing so, he applied his authority with such arrogance and announced the political registration for 3 days: Wednesday, 09 October to Friday,

11 October, and the Nomination Day on 22 October, and he fixed the date of the general elections on Thursday, 07 November 2019. He had plenty of time to announce the general election until March or April of next year.

He ignored dates such as 01 and 02 November which are public holidays, as well as the 03 November that falls on a Sunday, but instead, he chooses another day [in the middle of the week]. A panic and great fear took hold of him, lest he loses in the upcoming election, thus losing this power, especially with so many scandals in his government. So, on 06 October he announced the elections for the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November. He only gave a delay of one month to hold the general elections. He does not give the other political parties time to prepare themselves properly. It is true that after five years (2014-2019) the National Assembly must be dissolved by the end of December 2019. I do not want to go into details on this subject, but what is deplorable is that the date chosen for the elections falls on a Thursday where there are exams that will take place on that day for the School Certificate (SC) and Higher School Certificate (HSC) students. So, on 06 October, the day of the announcement, the Election Commission officials had to find alternative places so as not to disturb the conduct of these examinations.

So, out of 941,719 voters, 104,903 voters will have to vote on 07 November in a different place from where they are used to. These are tactics that he [the current Prime Minister] is using so that young students of the SC and HSC do not have time to think about which political party they are going to vote for because they have to focus on their final exams which are very important.

Students who have exams scheduled will be very worried on election day where there will be a lot of traffic jams and so they may be late in their exam rooms. Vagueness persists a lot on this case. Young students of voting age show their disagreement and anger and say that the government has not thought about all this and then everyone will not have the chance to vote and that's a shame.

In addition, traffic jams will certainly affect the candidates [students]. All of this will have a negative effect on their schedule. Other candidates say that it is a bad choice to hold the elections the same day as the exams, because the votes of the young people are very important.



For me (the Khalifatullah) the right to vote is to have the future of Mauritius in hand so that it does not fall into wrong hands. So all voters must make good choices, without the slightest trace of communalism. They have to go to the polls, they have to fulfil their civic right to elect people who are honest, and who are not corrupt and who are respectable, so as to have a better future, a better Mauritius, a clean Mauritius for our future generations.

I have met young people who have expressed their opinions and they are frustrated and angry that a prime minister has made such a bad decision that is against the rights and interests of young people. They categorically said that it is not a good decision at all to set the date of the general election at the same time as their exams, and they told me they and their friends are old enough to vote, but with the pressure of the exams, and now also with the pressure of these upcoming elections, they are disturbed by all that, and they may not go to vote because for them, they must give priority to their exams. So all this affects them morally.

It is a terrible mess and especially the next day [of the election], Friday 08 November 2019 is *Jumu'ah* (the Friday prayer) where many Muslims who will go to work for the Counting of votes, will not be able to make it for the *Jumu'ah* and for us Muslims the *Jumu'ah* is extremely important, and it is part of our faith and it is a duty we must fulfil for Allah where we have been instructed to leave everything - all our work - to go and attend the *Jumu'ah* and then to go about to seek the favours of Allah.

A minister who does not think for the well-being of his people [and he says that he is in a Mauritian Alliance], who thinks only for himself, for his own gain, then all that which he is doing is very reprehensible and dangerous, especially for the future of our children tomorrow. He announces the elections in quickly so that no one has time to take stock of his government and go quickly vote without thinking, and then he believes that he will again come back to power, this time by being elected by the people. He uses us like puppets, using dirty methods that are not worthy of a modern Mauritius!

Here in Mauritius, [some] politicians unfortunately attack their political opponents in lamentable, disgusting ways, which is not worthy of a modern and ethical Mauritius. They use all kinds of strategies, some more disgusting than

others in order to denigrate their opponents and that's a shame, because politics is very behind the evolution of the Mauritian nation. Mauritians, for the most part, want the politicians, in whom they place their trust, to keep their words and do what they promised to do, but only while remaining in the right path, and not having fun with the people's money. They want leaders who know how to administer this country while preserving their dignity and moral principles. They want to see a revival of morality in the political circle, and not of communalism where everyone seeks to protect his fellow men [especially on the ethnic/religious level].

We want a leader and such representatives who will really work for the interest of this country, those who think in terms of Mauricianism and not in terms of communalism. Such representatives of Mauritius who will make decisions for the interest of Mauritius and who will manage the national fund in all honesty.

Today Mauritians want more respect in the public debate and they want a more civilized politics which is consistent with our century and the evolution of our youth. Unfortunately, nowadays politicians are using dirty methods that are not worthy of a modern Mauritius island, especially in 2019. And we are seeing how many low blows are being used for these elections. But it's up to Mauritians to be mature. [I am not giving an instruction to vote for a particular political party. Everyone must use his intelligence and know how to vote properly].

The National Radio and Television (MBC) has become the propaganda apparatus for this [present] government and for Mr. Pravind Jagnauth, and it is we, the people who have to pay the monthly fee of this national television [to watch its channels]; such a television which is in the interest of only one section of the population, and not the mass - where it is not at all impartial [it does not treat everyone equally]. Remember that every Mauritian has his rights in this country, and every religion, and even the different groups in the same religion (for example, Islam) where there are several groups; so that does not mean that one group all the time has the right to go on TV [to hold religious programs] and not the others! [This is unfair].

Every Mauritian must fulfil his civil right. It is a privilege you have to choose a government which is respectable [with a high head] and not corrupted [with clean hands]. And *Insha-Allah*, we pray and we take the necessary actions at the same



time so that tomorrow we have a national television that does not differentiate among anyone. But unfortunately, this is far from reality and it is the Mauritians who pay the price. They are forced to pay for a national television they do not want to watch, and then they make a double expense by paying another antenna to watch other TV channels.

The people are suffering and the present government has had its fun during its term from December 2014 to October 2019. I put before you a list of goods acquired by the outgoing MPs:

- Land bought by 10 elected officials: Rs. 65 million.
- Acquisitions made by the spouses of 6 elected officials: Rs. 56 million.
- Loans contracted by 20 elected officials: Rs. 168 million.
- Vehicles leased by 8 elected officials: Rs. 13 million.

A lot of money has been spent/ distributed for these general elections. There are some who enjoy themselves a lot, and those are people who are very close to these politicians. There are posters, banners, the sale of *Briani*, car rentals, vans and buses and also there are political parties that give people gas vouchers for their cars so that they take people and come to their gatherings.

They do all this in order to have more crowds [it's a war of the crowds]; 40,000 to 60,000 posters for the national rally and 20,000 square feet of pennants and several large cookware (*Deg*) of *Briani* for national gatherings. In addition to congresses or meetings, there are expenses for tents, and chairs. They rent hundreds of buses for a national meeting. When you calculate all that, you see that it must have cost Rs. 2,500 to Rs. 3,000 for a bus only, if the place is not far, and Rs. 4,000 if it is for a place further away. And moreover, they attract the crowd by calling them and giving them these buses after the gatherings to have fun on the beach, also supplying them with alcoholic beverages. During these tours, the buses are damaged, and so money is wasted!

When you think about all this, for only five years they were in power, see how all these millions have evaporated! It is not money that they withdrew from their own pockets. Private firms help them a lot in this, and these politicians know that all this help is “*on condition*” and when they come to power, they have to walk

according to their plans, and because of this, finally Mauritians no longer own Mauritius but it is the others who come to take their share of the cake.

I have to stop here for today. We must pray so much that Allah (swt) - The Almighty - sends to the head of the country people who will be honest, with heads up and clean hands [respectable and uncorrupted] and who will fight against corruption, and waste, and who will work for social justice, and who will have in mind to lower the cost of food and drink, and restore the equilibrium of the economy. *Insha-Allah*, with *duahs* and the help of Allah, the impossible [or far-fetched] can become possible [realisable]. *Ameen*.