



In the Name of Allah, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful

Interview with the Khalifatullah Hazrat Munir A. Azim (atba)

JUDGEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THE ISLAMIC CONTEXT

Since December 2021, there has been an audio leak of a private conversation between a woman by the name of Nida Ul Nasser and the fifth elected successor of the Promised Messiah [Khalifatul-Massih], Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. The young woman accused some near relatives of the fifth Khalifa of raping her as well as attempting to have sex with her, which she refused. In further information, it is revealed that she accuses her father also, Mirza Luqman Ahmad to have raped her since her young age.

Ya Khalifatullah, Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wabarakaatuhu... [The Khalifatullah replied: Wa Alaikum Salaam Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakaatuhu.]

Many questions have come from many people from various countries, about the Nida Ul Nasser Case within the Ahmadiyya Framework, and they want to know your opinion about it. **So, Ya Khalifatullah, what can you tell us about this case?**

Before coming in the heart of the matter, let me put before you a verse from the Holy Quran:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ
فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

Indeed, those who love to see indecency spread among the believers will suffer a painful punishment in this life and the Hereafter. Allah knows and you do not know. [An-Nur 24: 20].

This situation is indeed a distressing one for the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The police are doing their works with the social media messages which Nida Ul Nasser is said to have provided them on some of the men accused.

As a person unconnected with this case, but whom Allah has raised as a *Hakam* [Judge] in *Deeni* matters, it is my duty as the Khalifatullah to view this case with an open mind and praying to Allah as to the veracity of those claims.

According to the Media, most specifically the recent article published by the journalist Rana Tanveer in which he has stated that Miss Nida Ul Nasser registered her police case on 22nd July 2021 and came with various accusations which she is said to have undergone as far as the age of approximately 16 years old [some 20 years back] and the names she accused of raping and flirting with her are: Mirza Luqman Ahmad, Mahmood Shah, Dr. Mirza Mubashar Ahmad, and Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad.

So, as the Khalifatullah of this era, what is your opinion when you heard about this scandal in the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah [Jamaat Ahmadiyya]?

First of all, I need to stress that women are not objects in Islam. They are humans with emotions and they need to be cared for in the best way. If there are pious women, there are also impious women who let go of the thread of Islam and who go ahead to sully the teachings of Islam. Seeking justice is never wrong, but the world should understand that they should seek justice for someone who is truly deserving of justice.

Those who are truly rape victims should be helped in the best way. Rape is a crime which should be punished because a girl or woman has the right to say “No” to sex and her wishes should be respected, except for a husband towards his wife because the wife is a legal [*Halal*] comfort for the husband before the eyes of Allah. The married couple is blessed thus so that no adultery or fornication happens outside the context of marriage.

Like in the Hadith, our beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has said: *“If a man calls his wife to his bed and she refuses [and does not come], and he spends the night angry with her, the angels will curse her until morning.”*

This is to ensure that the husband, if he is truly pious and has not taken any drug and who is very good towards his wife and does not beat her and cause her any harm, therefore, such wife who refuse her husband, this Hadith is applicable to her.

But in the case of rape victims who are unmarried and do not have any protection, if someone crosses the limit of the “No”, and invades the privacy of a girl or woman, that person is condemnable for his act. All girls and women in the world, not just in the Muslim world should be protected from vicious men who try to invade their sacred femininity outside the pale of marriage.

Now, I will reply to you about what you said about the accused in this case. You have mentioned that Miss Nida Ul Nasser had revealed that her own father Mirza Luqman Ahmad, Mahmood Shah, Dr. Mirza Mubashar Ahmad raped her whereas Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad wanted to have sex with her but she refused.

Had all these people [i.e. the accuser and the accused] been truly pious and held into high esteem the commandments of Allah, and held the rope of Allah firm, then like in the Surah An-Nur it is mentioned, that those who have faith [*Iman*] should lower their gaze and guard their modesty. That is purer for them. And indeed Allah is fully aware of what His servants do.

The Holy Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) has come from Allah as a guardian and protector of the honour of the believers. Just like the believing men, the believing women also should lower their gaze and be modest, and to display of their adornment only that which is apparent, and to draw their veils over their bosoms. That is to say, that both men and women should have proper conduct in the company of each other, because Satan foster evils and lewdness among people, deviating them from the right path.

But, what do you think about those people in this special case? Who is speaking the truth, the accuser or accused? According to you, what should they do?

It is clear that they should come as per the guidance of the *Shariah*, the Holy verses of the Quran. In the case of accusation involving sexual assault and any illegal sexual activity, the Surah An-Nur always applies, whether it is for adultery or rape cases in the Muslim context.

If the accuser does not have four witnesses who witnessed the assault against her, then as per the injunctions of the Holy Quran, he/ she has to swear in the name of Allah four times that he/ she is speaking the truth and the fifth time, he/ she calls on the curse and wrath of Allah upon him/ her if he/ she is lying.

There is no better Court or Judgement than the Court and Judgement of Allah. **Hasbunallah wa ni'mal-Wakil** – *Sufficient for us is Allah, and [He is] the best Disposer of affairs.*

So, it is of paramount importance that the accuser, i.e. Miss Nida as well as all the men she has accused should not refuse to come forward in a board of *Qazis* [judges] headed by their Khalifa in whom they believe, and they swear in the name of Allah like I have mentioned and thus escalating this matter in the Court of Allah.

Instead of making this become such a public issue which has trampled the divine teachings, this matter should have been treated in the Most Exalted Court of Allah. If Miss Nida Ul Nasser is true in her claim, then Allah is Ever Just and Aware of all the Deeds of His servants. He is the Perfect Judge. So, justice would have reached her from Allah Himself.

But, Ya Khalifatullah, if you were in the place of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, what would have you done?

Very good question, indeed! Firstly, I would have sought divine guidance on the matter because as a human being, I would not want to be influenced by what the majority is saying, or be influenced by family-feelings or fear of humiliation.

As the Spiritual Leader, I would have convoked all parties involved in a private board wherein there are God-fearing people who would be witnesses to the swearing of all the parties involved, i.e. the accuser and all the accused. Those witnesses [board people] would be in the obligation to maintain privacy on the matter, and to be ready to bear witness of the outcome of the swearing in the name of Allah should the wrath of Allah manifest on the liar/s.

There should be a written form well prepared for both sides, i.e. for Miss Nida and all the men she has accused, including her father. So, for each of the men she has accused, she would have to stand up to bear witness against him, for all of them, turn by turn, and they also, i.e. all the accused should bear witness

four times that they are speaking the truth, and if he [they] are lying, then they invite the curse and wrath of Allah upon them.

All these details – one by one – for the accuser and all the accused – should be present on the form and they should all sign the document and date it [day, month, year and time] and all the witnesses in the board should also sign on the form as well as the Khalifa, by putting his signature and seal and the date as well. This document should be kept preciously and confidentially in a file, and accuser and all the accused should get a photocopy of the original document as a proof in their favour or against them.

Thus, Miss Nida should state every accusation against Mr. A, on what day, what year, what month etc. and swear in the name of Allah verbally and in written form and sign. She must do the same for Mr. B, C and D, i.e. one by one, not the four at the same time.

When this has been done in the Highest Court – the Court of Allah, therefore, everybody should remain silent on the matter, even Miss Nida because now, it is Allah Who would deal this matter.

Ya Khalifatullah, what did you feel when you heard about this?

First of all, I did not know about this matter until you informed me about the different emails which we have received from the Ahmadis from the different countries around the world.

So, when I heard about this, I was deeply shocked that a great-grand-daughter of the Promised Messiah (as) has dirtied the image of the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah, because he was the Founder of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya. And also, she has dirtied the image of both her grandfathers, the third and the fourth Khalifa whereby she has given the enemies of the Promised Messiah and the Jamaat Ahmadiyya fodder to crush the honour and image of the Jamaat even more.

Ya Khalifatullah, the world is rooting for Nida, asking #JusticeforNida. But if it is proven in the Court of Allah that she is lying, what would you have done if you were in the place of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad?

I will definitely apply the Islamic law first of all – Allah's and His Prophet's laws, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) come first. Don't forget what Hazrat Muhammad

(pbuh) said concerning his daughter Fatima (ra) if ever she committed theft. Despite his fatherly love for her, he (pbuh) would not have hesitated to apply the divine commandments on such acts.

But what if the accused are the real culprits as she affirms? What if she is really a victim of their vicious behaviours and such a crime like rape?

Even then, the Islamic laws would be applied and all those who held high post in the Jamaat would have been bereft of those posts and even expelled them from the Jamaat because this kind of behaviour, this crime cannot be tolerated in Islam because Islam has come to protect the honour and dignity of women.

Why have you used the word “expelled”, Ya Khalifatullah?

This is because the head of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya, the late fourth Khalifa had expelled me from the *Nizam-e-Jamaat*, based only on the false report of his ex-so-called Amir, and did not lend an ear to my version as well. At that time, I was still working for the Jamaat Ahmadiyya in Rodrigues Island and it is on the 1st of January 2001 that I have come to know that I was expelled. Till this day, they never issued me any official expulsion letter and did not state for what reason that I was expelled from the *Nizam-e-Jamaat*. It is through other people that I was informed that it was because I was receiving divine revelations that I was expelled. And Jamaat Ahmadiyya has always preached that Allah still talks and that the doors of divine revelations will remain forever open, but when Allah tried them, they failed in the test. The late fourth Khalifa wrote a book of more than 700 pages about revelation, rationality and truth, but when Allah tried him, by sending this humble self with divine revelations, he labelled those revelations as “so-called revelations”.

What happened when they expelled you from the *Nizam-e-Jamaat* Ahmadiyya? You were not only a full-pledged missionary but also a paid worker of the Jamaat System. What happened to your job?

I will be brief [very brief] on the subject as the details are already on the Official website of the Jamaat Ul Sahih Al Islam.

After my expulsion [in the year 2001], I continued to frequent the mosques of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya, but when Eid-ul-Adha of that year came, the then Amir and his Managing Committee ordered that their mosque in the South which we were going to for the Eid prayers to be closed. They closed the mosque and

instructed the Ahmadis there to travel a long distance to come to another mosque for prayers.

When I was first employed for the Jamaat Ahmadiyya, on 12 November 1987, Mr. Moosa Taujoo was the Amir. He, along with the Missionary-in-Charge Maulana Syed Hussein Ahmad put forward before me Jamaat's work conditions and the work conditions as per the laws of the country. Had they applied the work conditions as per Mauritian Laws, then they would have to pay me much more than they gave me then. The fact that I was working for Jamaat Ahmadiyya meant that I was working for Massih Maud's cause but they have played on sentiments and made me work every day, 7 out of 7 days, starting at 08.00 in the morning till late at night with no overtime.

But when they plotted to expel you from the Nizam-e-Jamaat, had they paid you your salary and your lump sum upon your return from Rodrigues?

This is a very delicate subject which saddens me a lot. They did not pay me my due, and when I sent them a letter asking for the sweat of my labour and gave them a deadline of 72 Hours to reply, they scoffed at the situation on the borderline of the 72 Hours by saying that they were only ready to give me an ex-Gratia. I am in no need of ex-Gratia. I only want my due. They forgot the prophetic teachings wherein one must pay one's worker before the sweat of his labour dries up.

What did you do after that?

I did nothing. I put everything in the Court of Allah. I did not seek my rights at the Ministry of Labour as per the laws of the country. My thought was to protect the honour and image of the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah (as).

There was an Ahmadi who saw that this was an absolute injustice done against me, and had an article published in the Newspaper on the subject of my expulsion and non-payment of salary. Then, some journalists from the different newspapers contacted me for an interview about these matters but at that time, I refused. I did not want to sully my Jamaat.

I kept the honour of my Jamaat intact but these people spoke ill of me and blamed me on every pulpit [*Mimbar*] of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and disgraced not only me but also the Manifestations and Signs of Allah. They have humiliated me everywhere and this has deeply affected me and I turned

to Allah in supplications and I received the following revelation: **THOSE WHO HUMILIATE THEE, I WILL HUMILIATE THEM.**

After 20 years, such international humiliation is being displayed everywhere, whereby the people in different countries, Muslims and Non-Muslims alike are questioning the behaviour and decision-taking of the head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, especially where his brother and brother-in-law is directly connected to the case. For such a grievous accusation, is there no expulsion for such people? No boycott? Now, they are talking about investigation, and listening to both parties, but what about divine revelations and my case when the Amir and the Managing Committee was informed about the matter of divine revelations upon this humble self? At that time, there was no investigation, there was no listening to my side, and there was direct expulsion with curse of Allah being sent just because of divine revelations. The late fourth Caliph scoffed at the situation by saying that two can go and millions will come, and that we will have a fearful destiny.

So, after my expulsion, they sent people in the outer islands to create hatred in their hearts for me. They thought that they would attract the people who were under my *Tabligh/ Dawaa* and who formed the Jamaat Ahmadiyya there after I established and registered the Jamaat officially.

The people to whom they tried to poison their hearts with hatred against me did not listen to them, but instead felt disgust and left the Jamaat. Thus, the Ahmadiyya Missions were closed in these countries.

Ya Khalifatullah, according to some emails received, it is stated that Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, the Amir of the USA Jamaat Ahmadiyya has openly admitted in his Jalsa Salana Speech of 2019 that the Ahmadiyya youths of the USA and Canada are not interested in Jamaat matters or following Jamaat in any way. They are not contributing financially to the Jamaat and he even stated that they are following the non-Muslims by experimenting with alcohol and drugs. What can you say on the matter?

Look! I am not there to know about the progress or decline of Ahmadiyyat there, especially the Ahmadiyya youths, but what I can say is that as an Amir, and a representative of his Khalifa he is stating something which verily many youths around the world are indulging in. Many are leaving religion for worldly pursuits and to hanker after money and power. And it is true that drugs are causing great harm among the youths, not just in America and Canada, but I

say that drugs are causing havoc in our small Island, Mauritius as well. And what is more saddening is that we read in the newspapers that the Ahmadiyya youths are indulging in drug manufacturing and peddling and many youths have fallen prey to this dangerous and deadly addiction, especially with the introduction of the synthetic drugs in Mauritius. And besides drugs, there is also alcohol consumption.

So, this is the state of affairs of nearly every home in today's world. Satan has deviated lots of people from the right path. What I can advise the world is that they should return to the authentic teachings of the Holy Quran and Sunnah of our beloved prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). There is no better justice than justice from Allah because all problems have their solutions from the Holy Quran. And if you state that you are the true Jamaat in this world, then Islamic rulings should be given priority instead of seeking worldly justice. Don't forget that today's world is full of wolves and corruption. A true news can be easily falsified and a false case can be authenticated as truth. So, the best judge is Allah. All true Muslims must come in the Court of Allah for the Best Judgement.

If it is so, Ya Khalifatullah, do you think Nida Ul Nasser should have approached the Police instead of seeking justice from the Court of Allah?

Personally speaking, as we are in spiritual realm, we should always put our trust in Allah alone because our life, honour, dignity and food etc. are found in the Hands of Allah. He is our Creator and He sent us to earth and did not abandon us. Whether in the material and spiritual realms, He supports us by giving us our basic necessities and sending to us also His Messengers to guide His servants on the Right Path.

I am very surprised that the great-grand-daughter of the Promised Messiah of the past era [and the fact that her maternal and paternal grandfathers were both *Khalifatul-Massih*] went ahead to the Police disregarding her own Khalifa. All Ahmadis, whether at Jamaat level and personal, private level, usually seek the Khalifa's advice and decisions on many matters of their lives. They are so much used to take the Khalifa as their anchor that they have made their Khalifa into an idol and have fear of him.

So, this shows how much Miss Nida has lost faith in the rulings of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya to have sought help and assistance from the outer world. But like I told you, she should have come, come what may, in the Court of Allah and not come public on it. Let Allah deal the matter.

Now, one of the accused, i.e. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad like I have been informed today is also seeking to put a defamation case against Miss Nida and the journalist who spoke ill of him. So, all this is getting out of hand. Had they come in the Court of Allah, all this would have been resolved by Allah's decree and ultimate judgement. Indeed, the final decision comes from Allah alone. All must put this in mind that we are not permanent in the world and each of us will have to account for all our deeds before Allah, and He is the One Who gives the severest of punishments as well as the greatest of forgiveness. *Jazak-Allah.*

I thank you dear Khalifatullah for your time and explanations on this delicate matter. We have got lots of information from you about how to deal with such matters. Yes, indeed, if all parties had come in the Court of Allah for final judgement, all this situation would not have deteriorated and spread in such a way that Islam and Ahmadiyyat in particular is being blamed everything. This makes me remember the revelation that you have received many times that the Ahmadis have trampled the teachings of the Promised Messiah to dust.

So, now we are reinforced in our belief and faith about the divine decision to raise another one of His own Khalifa, i.e. you, Ya Khalifatullah to revive all the lost teachings which have been disregarded and trampled by the so-called defenders of the teachings of the Promised Messiah.

So, thank you once again. Jazak-Allah for your guidance and spiritual insight on this matter. Assalamoualaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakaatuhu.

Wa Alaikum Salaam Wa Rahmatullah Wabarakaatuhu. But before ending, I inform you that many will take this in jest but there are others, the *Ulul-al-Baab* who will reflect on this. *Jazak-Allah.*

Assalamoualaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakaatuhu.

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