

Islamic Shari'a Council

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AA WR WB to you and to all who are concerned with ISEB on going battles, may Allah swt bring these battles to an immediate end. Aameen

- (1) In the light of documents presented and facts discussed during the presentation of 3 members' delegation of ISEB, Islamic Shari'a Council has arrived at the unanimous judgment that the June 30th 2022 Election was legal according to the valid 2013 Constitution of ISEB, the following are the reasons and grounds for our unanimous decision.
- (2) The amendment as regard to Islamic Shari'a Council's role to be limited to Religious affairs only (in a mistaken sense of the word- no Muslim will ever dispute the fact that anything and everything that is connected to a MASJID is RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS), we are told by this delegation that the amendment referred to by Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Mr. Jamal Qureshi and Syed Sarwat was constitutionally wrong because it was not approved by the general body meeting and that the only valid constitution is of the year 2013.
- (3) To keep the function of ISC "story of false amendment" was used by these individuals as an excuse to keep the ISLAMIC SHARI'A COUNCIL AWAY FOR OBVIOUS IMPACT OF ITS DECISIONS on the community and on legal system as was seen by them in the past.
- (4) ISC thank you my brothers: Syed Nusrat Saheb, Niaz Ahmed Saheb and Iftikhar Khan Saheb for attending ISC meeting and correcting certain facts regarding ISC and amendments of its status in ISEB Constitution effective from the year 2020, which were conveyed to us incorrectly orally, in writing, and repeatedly by the previous Presidents of ISEB as mentioned above. Alhamdulillah, now we know that it did not take place in a general body meeting therefore it is considered as NOT VALID.
- (5) Please refer to my letter on behalf of ISC dated 9/26/21, regarding that invalid amendment and explanation of Islamic meaning of the word "RELIGIOUS".
- (6) I have a document in front of me which proves that the 2022 Election were not only legal according to the valid 2013 Constitution of ISEB but it was agreed upon by Syed Sarwat and his Board by the signed agreement in a reply to Syed Nusrat's email regarding the Election and the appointment of Shafi Rifai as Election Committee Chairman.
- (7) If Syed Sarwat or any members of his Board had a point of contention or disagreement why did he and his Board members sign saying my vote is yes for Mr. Rifai in answering the email of Syed Nusrat?
- (8) If we just accept supposedly and just for the argument sake that Syed Sarwat's intention was pure and to follow the law as he told me, even then his "no objection" his "Silence" his approval of Mr. Shafi Rifai as "The Chair of Election Committee" during the periods from 5/18 to 5/31 as a right time to object and stop the Election would have made better logical sense. But in reality it did not happen.
- (9) In addition to point number 8, Syed Sarwat told me he had a meeting with Shafi Rifai and he sent an email to him to stop the Election, I, our ISC members, and your entire community would have gratefully accepted it if it was done on 5/18-5/31/22. But no, the fact is, after careful investigation of many many hours of my valuable

time, the objection of Syed Sarwat came on 6/23/2022 when 70% of ballots were already received. I am also told that he never informed the Board about his meeting and email to Mr. Rifai.

(10) No President of a religious organization in general and ISEB which represent a Masjid in particular allowed ethically and even legally to demand a candidate to withdraw his name. I was told by Anwar Shafi Saheb that Syed Sarwat asked him to do that without giving any reason.

(11) No President of a religious organization in general and ISEB which represent a Masjid in particular allowed ethically and even legally to appoint as members those who have lost in a properly and legally conducted election.

In the light of the above, I am certain that our respected brother Syed Sarwat whom I knew since 1985, will accept the request of all the members of Islamic Shari'a Council to accept the new Board with all your supporters in its entirety as I know you to always accept the HAQQ and TRUTH and I have found you to be standing in support of the truth. This you will do, I am sure Inshaallah for 2 major reasons:


(A) ISEB and the Masjid had already suffered tremendously in last 2 decades financially, religiously, in dividing the community, lack of interest by the community and lack of offering the real Islamic educational programs which represent a big FITNAH (trial) which is more dangerous than killing according to the Holy Qur'an in 2/17.

(B) All the members of new or previous Boards and all those who are involved in any kinds of dispute or division of the community will stand face to face before Allah swt, and none of us know how soon, therefore in my humble opinion it is not worth fighting over these patty issues. I request you to put your total struggle with all your means and person to unite the community to gain the good pleasure of Allah swt.

Finally I request all of you to study and understand the description of the Qur'an of 2 groups of people and how they cooperate with each other according to the glorious words of Allah swt: #1 group 9/67-70 #2 group 9/71-72. May Allah swt make us among the 2nd group and guide us to apply practically verse 9/71, to deserve the reward of Allah swt mentioned and promised in 9/72.

My apologies if some of my findings after careful investigation upset you. Please correct me with proof, if I made any mistakes.

Sincerely,



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General Secretary ISC