

RESPONSE TO THE LIES OF SANHA'S LACKEY

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Your letter dated 15 Jamadil Aakhir 1430 refers. If you had followed this chicken saga properly and carefully read all the pamphlets and Majlis articles, and studied the facts, you would not have experienced any difficulty in sifting the admixture of truth and falsehood thereby

separating haqq from baatil, and at the same time you would have saved me valuable time which I was constrained to devote to responding to the lies and fabrications of the miserable character who is out to confuse the Muslim community in his nefarious and haraam bid to support SANHA's carrion industry.

Before answering the deceptive arguments of the writer, I too shall enlighten you with some background information to assist you to understand this issue better. The chicken saga did not begin last year when The Majlis took up the matter of Rainbow and Earlybird. The chicken corruption began way back in the early 1970's. I personally inspected some chicken plants certified by the MJC who is presently certifying Earlybird. At three of the largest MJC certified plants in Cape Town, which included Rainbow, I together with others who had accompanied me established the following facts:

(1) The line speed was 180 chickens per minute. This was handled by only three slaughterers. The net result is 60 chickens per minute per slaughterer. Now if all the people of the whole world testify that the line speed is or was 135 per minute, then even if they all stand on their heads and testify, then I shall smile and reject them all and brand them liars because I myself together with the others established this fact. Furthermore, I published these facts in The Majlis. No one –not the MJC nor Rainbow or anyone else had ever refuted this contention.

(2) Not a single slaughterer was reciting Tasmiyah *at all*. In those days they did not wear face masks as they do today. I saw with my own eyes, slaughterers smoking and talking while cutting.

(3) When I questioned them about Tasmiyah, they said that when they begin, they recite Tasmiyah once and that covers all the chickens they slaughter. Others said that Tasmiyah was in their hearts. Some said that the MJC sheikhs said that Tasmiyah was not necessary. No one disputed the irrefutable fact that Tasmiyah was NOT being recited.

Near to Port Elizabeth is the Rocklands chicken plant also certified by MJC. Three Ulama (I was not among them) who were also opposed to my methodology, and who had become part of the Eastern Cape MJC, went to inspect the plant. They discovered the very same haraam irregularities mentioned above. Despite their differences with me, they nevertheless, were not SANHA type molvis. Alhamdulillah, they issued a public statement declaring the chickens haraam. This was published.

Soon after these three Ulama had made their inspection, I paid a surprise visit to the same plant. As I entered, I saw the MJC's 'chief halaal inspector' slaughtering chickens. One metre from him a black non-Muslim was also slaughtering chickens on the same line. When I queried this with the inspector, he stupidly said that the chickens which the non-Muslim was slaughtering would be separated and sold to non-Muslim hotels. Now imagine the degree of *jahaalat* and the attempt to cover up the haraam corruption and the carrion chickens when there was no way of differentiating between the chickens killed by the inspector and the non-Muslim. Yet, they continued, like SANHA, to market the chickens 'halaal'.

We published all these facts, and no one from MJC refuted the facts. It is essential to remember that this happened almost 45 years ago. At least at that time even the MJC sheikhs were not so brazen as today's SANHA's molvis who speak blatant lies without having the slightest *Khauf-e-Ilaahi* in their hearts. They maintained silence, but continued to certify the haraam carrion chickens.

In 2002, the Jamiatul Ulama KZN who at that time was still a member of SANHA, made more than one inspection of Rainbow chickens. They too established that the chickens were haraam. Maulana Moosa Olgar informed SANHA in unambiguous terms that the chickens were haraam. Even Mufti Ibrahim Desai of Camperdown did so. However, the Jamiat KZN committed an unforgivable act by maintaining silence and not informing the Muslim public, and knowingly allowing the community to consume chickens which they believed were haraam.

Nevertheless, the Natal Jamiat persisted internally to raise the issue. Then at a meeting between the KZN Jamiat and the NNB Jamiat in the Jamaat Khaanah at the Johannesburg airport, this matter was discussed. It was clearly mentioned that Maulana Olgar had branded the chickens haraam. A decision was taken to immediately conduct further inspections of Rainbow. But nothing was done. The matter was swept under the carpet by SANHA and the NNB Jamiat while the KZN Jamiat was simmering. And, this ultimately led to the Jamiat KZN resigning from SANHA. The ostensible reason for the resignation was SANHA's support for the Sunday Times.

A Mufti/Maulana of the NNB Jamiat who was present at the airport meeting, sent me a copy of the minutes of this particular meeting. His conscience could not tolerate the cover-up. But at the same time he lacked the courage to make a public announcement to save Muslims from consuming carrion.

In 2002, SANHA who was engaging in a controversy with the MJC, inspected ten MJC certified plants and prepared a 233 page document highlighting all the haraam irregularities prevailing at the plant. The haraam irregularities were so intense and corrupt that Maulana Yunus Patel of the then Jamiatul Ulama KZN and a staunch supporter of SANHA to this day, commented:

"Wallaah! My stomach churned and my heart seemed to skip a beat when I read the comprehensive report submitted by SANHA."

Among the haraam irregularities submitted to Maulana Patel by SANHA were the following:

- * Well-documented evidence was presented of severing just one vein rendering the chicken totally haraam according to all mazhabs.
- * Confirmed slaughtering by non-Muslims
- * Non-Muslim inspector and staff.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Maulana Y.Patel's letter for your perusal and evaluation.

I must add that Maulana Yunus Saheb had at that time made public his revulsion against MJC to support SANHA. He did not do so for proclaiming the Haqq. SANHA and MJC were having a protracted and an intense fight, hence Maulana Patel came out in support of SANHA. He blindly accepted SANHA's report to be the gospel truth. Yet when 25 years before SANHA's report I informed them and the whole country of the haraam chickens certified by MJC after my personal inspection, Maulana Patel and the whole lot of miserable men who sold their souls for the dunya, continued to devour MJC chickens and not one of them was prepared to stand up for the Haqq. Maulana Patel mentions in his letter that he used to eat MJC certified products.

Now when we have exposed SANHA committing the very same haraam corrupt irregularities which render the chickens "totally haraam in all mazhabs", Maulana Yunus Patel has taken refuge in a fortress of ambiguities, silence and gheebat criticism of us.

Last year (2008), another halaal certifying body NIHT who competes with SANHA, made an inspection of the SANHA-certified Anca Chicken plant in Stutterheim near to East London. You may have seen our pamphlet in this regard about two weeks ago. Just in case you have not, I shall briefly outline the Anca Chicken Sanha-corruption.

The NIHT is a modernist/bid'ati, anti-Majlis body. The NIHT's inspection established that 87% of the chickens were haraam. Of the 30 chickens they examined 26 were cut improperly – some with one neck vessel cut, some with two partly cut and so on. They removed some chickens from the conveyor belt and found that they were dead – killed by the stunning. In a two page Inspection Report, the NIHT enumerated all the corruptions which rendered the chickens haraam.

An interesting and very surprising fact established by the ANCA chicken plant inspection is that at the time when the inspection was done the line speed was only **16 chickens per minute**. The experienced slaughterer had to cut only 16 chickens in a minute. Despite this relatively 'slow' speed, 87% of the chickens were haraam. What can you now understand if the speed is 140 or 150 or 180 chickens per minute? That is between 40 to 60 chickens per minute per slaughterer.

When NIHT sent its report to SANHA, the reaction of SANHA was quite interesting to say the least. SANHA, without responding to NIHT, made a quick and sudden inspection of one of NIHT's certified plant, and as true as the existence of Iblees, SANHA found similar irregularities at the NIHT certified haraam plant. SANHA promptly notified NIHT. The result? Both decided to sweep each other's haraam stinking najaasat under the carpet. The one was able to blackmail the other, hence they decided on silence and concealing the rot of the enemy. At this stage I have no documentary proof for this black-mailing act. Nevertheless I was apprized of this evil development by an uprighteous Mufti Saheb. But for all the other evils and malpractices of SANHA mentioned above and which I shall mentioned hereafter, I have documentary evidence.

It is well documented in the minutes of a meeting that SANHA had declared that it had investigated 10 MJC certified plants and had discovered gross irregularities which rendered the chickens "totally haraam" according to Maulana Yunus Patel and SANHA. But these miserable betrayers of Islam and the Ummah have concealed that 233 page report and have not notified the community of the status of MJC chickens. And how is it possible for SANHA to proclaim the Haqq about MJC haraam chickens when SANHA has approved MJC certified Earlybird chickens? It is a massive, dirty, filthy haraam money racket which condones the promotion of carrion-consumption.

On 25 May 2009, Molvi Navlakhi and another two SANHA molvis went to the Earlybird plant in Olifantsfontein. They gathered the 12 slaughterers and tried to persuade them to sign affidavits stating:

- That the four Ulama inspection team which Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng claimed had inspected Earlybird on 2nd April, had not visited the plant and that this claim was a blatant lie.

- That not a single slaughterer had ever spoken to the Ulama of Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng as the Jamiat was claiming.

Alhamdulillah, by Allah's fadhl, all the slaughterers refused to sign the criminally false affidavit. In fact one slaughterer stood up to assault Molvi Navlakhi but was restrained by the others. We have signed affidavits in which the slaughterers declare this haraam attempt of Maulana Navlakhi to besmirch the name and to slander the Ulama of Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng, in his plot to sustain his carrion industry.

Now in the backdrop of this vile scenario, shall I proceed to respond to the allegations in the article you have sent.

(1) I shall bypass the writer's background comments because, firstly, they are not factual and have no bearing on the facts which are our grounds for criticizing Sanha, and secondly, because the writer does not know what he speaks in his background comment. It is therefore futile to respond on a diversionary tactic of the writer.

(2) Zaahid's Lament: Zaahid's registered name is Eric. A copy of his affidavit is enclosed herewith. He lists the irregularities. The two fundamental irregularities stated by the two slaughterers in the affidavit are:

(i) Mass omission of Tasmiyah

(ii) Due to line speed, the necks are improperly cut rendering the chickens "totally haraam" in Maulana Patel's words when SANHA pointed out the very same irregularity in relation to SANHA's enemy, the MJC.

There is one very important irregularity which Zaahid has failed to record in his affidavit. This irregularity escaped him at the time of preparing the affidavit. The third fundamental irregularity is the fact that Earlybird's management has been persistently applying pressure on the slaughterers to refrain from cutting all four neck vessels. SANHA and MJC are well aware of this fact, and we have documentary evidence to prove it.

On 16 March 2007, Molvi Ismail Khan, the supervisor at Earlybird, wrote to Imam Harris of the MJC: *"It's been an ongoing problem with management since the inception of the Halaal operation approximately 20 years (both plants). The issue of loss of heads due to manual slaughter – we have the Shariah to adhere to and cannot accommodate the company by slaughtering in such a manner by not severing the required veins so the heads can be intact after the plucking of feathers. It's either the Halaal intact or the heads. We do try our utmost to slaughter in a manner that is Shar'ee compliant and the company can capture maximum heads."*

While the slaughterers were perhaps "trying their utmost to slaughter in a manner that is Shar'ee compliant", this has not been possible.

In a letter dated 16 May 2007, the supervisor, Molvi I.Khan, wrote to SANHA:

"Another issue which they are putting a lot of pressure on us is the loss of heads due to the halaal method of slaughter.....Make dua we have closure to this ongoing battle of labour standards and loss of heads."

Let me explain the story of the 'heads loss' as this has a direct bearing on the improper and haraam neck-cutting which leaves the veins uncut. When all four neck-vessels are severed, the head dangles very loosely. In the de-feathering machine, the heads come off and are lost in the drain. This is a huge monetary loss for Earlybird where the production at its two plants is more than half a million chickens daily. This equates to 120 million heads a year worth more than R50 million. Hence, management has persistently over the years pressurized slaughterers to make superficial incisions and not cut the four neck-vessels. Molvi Khan's letters bear ample testimony to this fact. We thus find slaughterers due to this pressure making slight nips/cuts which leave the four arteries uncut or partially cut or some uncut.

(3) The writer of the article is either too naïve and slow in mental grasp to grasp the implications of the line speed or he has deliberately misled you in his endeavour to support SANHA. There is no doubt regarding the line speed. It is only SANHA and its cronies who are trying to confuse people with blatant lies in this regard. Bear in mind the following facts:

(a) The first person who had initiated the Earlybird controversy which began last year was Molvi A.S.Doba, the supervisor at Earlybird. Molvi Doba in a telephonic discussion with his wife's relative informed that he had resigned because Earlybird was demanding 48 birds per minute per slaughterer. Since this was excessive, he had objected. Besides this, there were other irregularities as well, which I shall explain further on.

Since Molvi Doba's discussion had been taped, he has simply gone off the radar screen. He has not come out in support of SANHA nor has he denied what he had said. The denial is only from Molvi I.Khan who also was a supervisor at Earlybird. Molvi Khan felt reasonably snug to deny because he knew that he was not taped when he spilled the beans to others in Standerton. Molvi Abdullah who operates a small madrasah in Standerton informed attorney Zehir Omar of the reasons for the resignations. However, Molvi I.Khan who hitherto has been unaware that we have copies of his letters in our possession has been in denial of the truth and has falsely claimed that the reasons for his resignation were 'personal'. I shall revert to Molvi Khan soon, Insha'Allah.

(b) I had personally inspected several plants over the years and had established the line speed to be 180 birds per minute.

(c) At the SANHA pre-arranged inspection of Rainbow last year when 14 Sanha-handpicked Molvis participated, Mufti Afzal Husain Elias in his report mentioned that the line speed was 150 per minute. He further mentioned in his written report which no one to this day has refuted, that Rainbow claimed that they are allowed 50 birds per minute per slaughterer. 45 is the norm, but they (Rainbow) function at 35 per minute. This last claim of Rainbow is a lie as more than a dozen slaughterers in their affidavits maintain. In fact, Rainbow in Cape Town where I personally had done the inspection has a speed of 180 per minute, and this is the same at County Fair which belongs to the same company running Earlybird.

Even if the line speed is 135, the claim that four slaughterers do the killing is false. On 2nd April when the Ulama of Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng made their inspection, three slaughterers were on the line and when they took a count, it transpired 44.6 chickens per minute. And even if the line speed is 120 per minute, then with three slaughterers it means 40 per minute. This fact is confirmed by Molvi I.Khan, himself. In a letter dated 16 March 2007 to Imaam Harris of the MJC, Molvi Khan wrote:

"Currently there is an increase in production. We have a slaughter/bird ratio maximum which is at 40 birds per minute. With the increase in production, we are on maximum, i.e. 40 birds per minute per slaughterer. Any further increase in production which is planned for the near future should warrant additional slaughterers. Please negotiate for both plants as the excess workload is also becoming a major problem. We should stand our ground by putting pressure on Earlybird to adhere to our Shar'ee requirements fully."

In Molvi Khan's opinion the maximum is 40 per minute. However, when Earlybird insisted on 48 birds per minute, he and Molvi Doba threw in the towel and resigned. It was too much for even these two 'stalwart' supervisors whose hearts had been hardened by years of carrion halaalizing. With 40 per minute they somehow succeeded in deceiving themselves. But with 48 per minute, it was beyond their power of deception to perpetrate self-deception.

Production has increased while the number of slaughterers has not increased. On the contrary, Earlybird wants to reduce the number of slaughterer, hence in a letter dated 28 March 2007 Earlybird wrote to the supervisor, Molvi Ismail Khan:

"During the bench making between County Fair and Earlybird Standerton, it came out that we have 13 slaughterers per shift. County Fair has 13 slaughterers in total for both shifts. We need to discuss this urgently."

In a letter dated 17 May 2007, Molvi Ismail Khan wrote to SANHA as follows: *"Unfortunately the MJC is allowing the County Fair operation which has about the same production as us to operate with half the amount of slaughterers. We have addressed the issue to Imaam Yaseen who acknowledged that the County Fair operation has insufficient slaughterers."*

This is indeed an interesting revelation of massive corruption which SANHA has swept under the carpet. Molvi Khan has emphatically declared that County Fair has the same production as Earlybird, which is achieved with half the number of slaughterers. It follows that at County Fair the speed is 80 birds per minute per slaughterer since it is 40 per minute at Early bird with double the number of slaughterers.

The supervisor's letters to SANHA and MJC are full of complaints and grievances. But over the years SANHA has persistently alleged that everything is in fine order, there being no irregularities, no complaints, no grievances, and that every carrion chicken was halaal tayyib.

Furthermore, if there are four slaughterers, then according to SANHA's **recommended speed of 37 per minute**, it means the line speed is 148 per minute. Referring to the system, Molvi Ismail Khan, the supervisor wrote to Earlybird's management on 11 July 2006:

"Since the merger of E.B.F. (Earlybird Farms) and Festive Farms approximately 13 years ago we have been in constant negotiations with management in regards to the labour standards which we are totally not satisfied with.....In the interim production has increased gradually, making our task much more difficult. Our request to management in 13 years is not unrealistic.....The current system is very strenuous and the Halaal standards could be violated. Due to this we do experience a high rate of absenteeism and sick leave."

In fact 'halaal standards' were daily being violated so much that nothing but haraam carrion chickens were and are being produced.

(d) When a line speed of 16 per minute (ANCA) produces 87% haraam chickens, what shall we deduce from a line speed of 120, 135, 148, 150, and 180? *"Reflect! O People of Intelligence!" – Qur'aan*

(e) All the slaughterers without a single exception at both Rainbow and Earlybird maintain that the line speed is excessive. They have been complaining about this factor for years – many many years. They had complained to SANHA, to Jamiat KZN, MJC and to inspectors, supervisors and managements of the plants for years. We have documentary evidence besides the affidavits to support this contention. Responding to this complaint, SANHA, in a letter dated 8 May 2001, addressed to Rehmat Khan, the Earlybird supervisor, wrote:

"Per your request, we hereby confirm that the line speed of the chicken conveyor must at all times be in harmony with the number of Muslim slaughterers engaged in slaughtering thus enabling them to comfortably utter the Tasmiyah and correctly carry out the ritual slaughter which in any event should not exceed thirty seven (37) birds per slaughterer per minute."

That SANHA was receiving constant complaints and grievances, is undeniable. All the letters in our possession prove this irrefutable fact.

(f) Long before we came aboard this haraam chicken saga, reputable non-Muslim animals' rights organization had published the line speed of chicken plants in Cape Town, U.K. and U.S.A. The claim has always been 180 per minute, and this has never been refuted.

(g) Recently – a couple of months ago – when the non-Muslim organization, *Compassion in Animal Farming*, made an inspection of a MJC-certified plant in Cape Town and had threatened to go to court on account of the brutality practised, I wrote to the concerned plant and asked them to either confirm or deny that their line speed was 180 and more. They refused to commit themselves and referred us to the MJC.

(h) The speed is such that even automatic slaughtering machines in plants where there is no manual killing, also miss chickens which then go alive straight into the boiling water. This is confirmed by reputable non-Muslim researchers, investigators and organizations who did not probe halaal issues. Slaughterers too say that this happens. Chickens slip by and enter the scalding tank without having been slaughtered. If the brains are not clouded with money issues, then all of this is extremely simple and logical to understand even without making any inspection.

In a bulletin issued by United Poultry Concerns of U.S.A., the following appears: *"In 1993, of the 7 billion birds slaughtered in U.S. facilities, over 3 million birds were plunged into the scald tanks alive. According to a former slaughterhouse worker, when chickens are scalded alive, they 'flop, scream, kick, and their eyeballs pop out of their heads. They often come out of the other end with broken bones and disfigured and missing body parts because they've struggled so much in the tank."*

Is all this cruelty "conducive with halaal slaughtering", as Navlakhi claims?

(4) "Cutting every fourth chicken": This is a subtle attempt to deceive unwary people who do not understand what happens inside the killing facilities. The writer attempts to mislead with this statement by creating the impression that after one chicken is slaughtered, there is a pause which allows the slaughterer time to wait for the arrival of the third or fourth chicken, then he begins

the cutting, then he again waits for the third or fourth chicken and so on. This impression is absolutely false and grossly misleading.

Consider the speed and the positioning of the chickens on the belt. The line moves at a speed of between 135 to 180 birds per minute. This means that in one minute this amount of birds whiz pass each slaughterer. Almost the very second he cuts his chicken, the third or fourth one is on top of him because the other two/three have already passed him, and he has to mechanically continue cutting without the slightest pause. There is no waiting period of a few seconds before the third or fourth unfortunate chicken arrives to be killed. I say killed, because no *thabab* takes place.

Even if the slaughterer cuts every fourth or every tenth bird, the irrefutable fact remains that he cuts 37 per minute according to Navlakhi and according to us and the slaughterers it varies from 45 to 60. At Navlakhi's speed it means just a bit more than one and a half second per chicken and at other speeds one second per chicken. Now just imagine a slaughterer having to continuously cut for an hour chickens whizzing pass him at this tremendous speed. His hand has to move rapidly to ensure a semblance of slaughter is effected on the chickens whizzing by. It is precisely for this reason that **all** the slaughterers are compelled to practice what Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) described as *Shareetatush Shaitaan*. The veins are left uncut, or some uncut, or partly cut and the chicken is left to die an agonizing death. It is for this very reason that 87% of the chickens were Haraam at Anca chickens despite the line speed being only **16 per minute**. And, it was precisely for this reason that Maulana Patel said that MJC certified chickens were "totally haraam". SANHA's molvis themselves had established at ten MJC certified plants that the necks of the chickens were improperly cut to render the chickens "totally haraam", and which caused Maulana Patel's stomach to churn and his heart to miss a beat!!!

Remember that the claim that the slaughterer has "to wait" for the third or fourth bird is a blatant falsehood. There is absolutely not a split second of waiting after having cut one chicken. The closely packed chickens on the rapidly moving conveyor belt simply whiz pass continuously. Slaughterers become disoriented as a consequence of the absolutely bizarre scenario in these killing facilities. It is just upside down hanging chickens whizzing pass at great speed, nipping with the knife (no *thabab*), blood and blood squirting all day long. In this miserable scenario, the slaughterers say that it is 'impossible' to recite Tasmiyah — impossible to take Allah's Name without a mockery. The killing is one continuous uninterrupted rapid cutting which exhausts the cutters physically, mentally and morally to the extent that the Tasmiyah becomes a huge mockery in the sadistic process of commercial killing and perpetration of cruelty and brutality.

(5) "Experienced slaughterers and sharp knives": This is a deceptive argument. The line speed, the haraam upside down position of the chickens, the haraam killing in motion, etc. negate the expertise and the effect of even the 'extremely sharp knife'. It is for these reasons that the experienced slaughterer at Anca plant, with his 'extremely sharp knife' was unable to cut the necks properly despite the line speed being only **16 per minute**. 26 of the 30 chickens were "totally haraam" due to the grossly incorrect neck-cutting.

Anyone who has inspected these plants with an open mind and with a desire to see the truth, would have seen the superficial movements of the hands of the men cutting. There is no force applied. It is simply a routine mechanical light movement of the hand which fails to cut the four neck-vessels. The United Poultry Concerns, a very reputable non-Muslim organization in America explaining the slaughtering, states:

"After being dragged through the "stun" bath, the paralyzed conscious birds have their necks partially sliced by a rotating machine blade and/or manual neck cutter. Although both carotid

*arteries must be quickly severed to ensure a rapid death, these arteries which carry the oxygenated blood responsible for consciousness to the brain, and which are **deeply embedded in the bird's neck, are often missed**. So haphazard is neck-cutting that The Poultry Tribune refers to "hopefully hitting the jugular vein" of birds at slaughter."*

The abovementioned comment confirms what Hadhrat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi (rahmatullah alayh) wrote in his fatwa about 70 years ago that electrical stunning while paralyzing the animal does not render it unconscious. Alhamdulillah, the *roohaani idraak* of Hadhrat Thanvi was remarkable. While scientists have established this fact with their scientific tests, Hadhrat Thaavi (rahmatullah alayh) established this reality decades before the scientists discovered it.

There is much evidence from independent non-Muslim experts unconnected with 'halaal-slaughtering' to prove that neck-cutting is haphazard and in the majority of cases the veins are just nipped and the main carotid arteries (*Wajjain*) are left intact.

Mufti Shuayb Rawat who was one of the four who inspected Earlybird, states: *"I saw plenty of chickens with just nips in their necks."*

I advise you to read with an open mind the Inspection team's booklet, *EARLYBIRD CHICKENS – SANHA'S HARAAM CORRUPTION EXPOSED!*

Both Muslims and non-Muslim experts confirm that neck-cutting is haphazard by both machine and manual slaughtering.

From the discussion so far, you will realize that besides the entire system being haraam and evil, the two fundamental factors which render the chickens *"totally haraam according to all Mazhabs"* are the mass omission of Tasmiyah and the haphazard neck-cutting which leaves the neck-vessels uncut.

(6) "Even the four inspectors from De Deur who visited the Earlybird plant did not comment on the tasmiyah or any major irregularity."

This is a brazen and a shameless lie peddled by the writer. Please read the report book issued by the four inspectors. They clearly and emphatically state the two abovementioned fundamental irregularities which render the chickens *"totally haraam according to all Mazhabs"*. Now when the writer descends to such a gutter level of lies, what do you expect me to comment on his integrity?

(7) The writer alleges: *"They went there with the express intention of witnessing these discrepancies and declaring the chickens haraam."*

Did this writer climb into the hearts of the four inspectors to enable him to testify that what he is alleging was in fact their niyyat? Can the writer come forward, hold the Qur'aan Majeed in his hand and take an oath in Allah's Name that his allegation is the truth and correct? We challenge him to step forward if he has any respect for the Haqq or if he believes that he is a Muslim. All four inspectors are more than willing to take an oath in Allah's Name that this was NEVER NEVER their intention. They were in fact 'dragged' to make the inspection. Earlybird was no where in their mind nor in my mind, and Wallaah! They never consulted with me prior to the inspection nor did I feature anywhere in the inspection nor did I ever suggest that an inspection be made, Wallaah, and again Wallaah, and I say Wallaah that the writer is a confounded LIAR.

Hafez Anwar Sujee is not from De Deur. He is from Laudium. He and his brother intended starting a franchise chicken business. He had first gone to Earlybird alone. Then he prevailed on Maulana Haroon to accompany him for the inspection. Allah Ta'ala operates in wonderful ways unexpected and unfathomable to us. He exposes the treacherous ones.

(8) The writer alleges: *"Yet, instead of conveying to the public irregularities that they were supposed to have witnessed with their own eyes, they rather relied on the statement of a slaughterer who they chose to interview."*

If you had taken the trouble to read carefully the Earlybird inspection report booklet and some other subsequent pamphlets, then there would not have been a need for me to devote so much time writing this letter. But it appears that you did not read the report intelligently and with a probing mind, hence this burden of responding to blatantly false allegations by the Sanha writer.

The report clearly conveys to the public haraam irregularities which the four inspectors witnessed with their own eyes. The writer lies shamelessly by claiming that they 'relied on a statement of a slaughterer who they chose to interview'. The ingredients of the inspection which has been fully published are:

- The inspectors witnessed with their own eyes and reported accordingly.
- The inspectors spoke to **twelve** slaughterers, not to one.
- There was no 'choosing'. The inspectors had never met these slaughterers before. Wallaah! The slaughterers opened up their stories before the inspectors had even asked them anything.

Furthermore, let us assume that there was no inspection by the four Ulama and that they had not even set foot inside Earlybird as Navlakhi had initially claimed, then too, if a few slaughterers had come forward and said that they do not recite Tasmiyah, it would have been sufficient to alert the Muslim community and to proclaim the chickens haraam. When the persons who slaughter the chickens say that they are unable to fulfil the obligation of Tasmiyah and that they do not recite Tasmiyah, then only one drunk with the riba money of the carrion chicken plants will persist stupidly and intransigently to claim that the carrion is halaal.

(9) "Why did the slaughterers make the statements...."

In his desperate endeavour to defend Sanha, the writer mentions four absolutely spurious, baseless, false and slanderous suppositions. He theorizes baselessly in his bid to refute and negate the declarations made by the slaughterers.

Can he take the Qur'aan and take an oath in Allah's Name that the slaughterers were 'bribed' to make the statements which damn SANHA and which have exposed the haraam corruption of SANHA? Can the writer come forward to take the oath? We challenge him. As for the inspectors, they are more than willing to take the oath in Allah's Name to prove that the claim of Navlakhi and the writer is nothing but pure unadulterated *buhtaan*. You are an intelligent student of Deen and becoming a Mufti. Why do you not ask the writer to produce his evidence for such a slanderous allegation? Why don't you test his honesty or his falsehood by telling him to take an oath in Allah's Name that the slaughterers were bribed to make the statements?

At first the claim of Navlakhi was a vehement denial of any inspection having taken place and a denial of the existence of affidavits. When the truth dawned on him, then he switched his tactic from one slander to another slander. Now it is the slander of "bribery", no more the slander of us speaking 'lies' about having affidavits.

The slaughterers have gained one thing from this saga: nine slaughterers have been fired and are currently without work. Why did they have to lose their jobs with 'lies'? Navlakhi sits snug, getting tens of thousands of rands of riba money to feed himself and his family. SANHA nets

millions of rands for the pockets of its officials and directors while these poor slaughters earning about R3000 a month are sitting without jobs. They were fully aware that their jobs were on the line when they made the exposure.

We are making known the affidavits of the dismissed slaughterers only. We have multiple affidavits of current slaughterers who are still working at Earlybird. But at this stage we shall not divulge their names because they too will be fired.

(10) "The system is totally conducive to halaal rendering of poultry".

Perhaps the writer has lost all his Imaan or perhaps he was born without *Aql*. In making this statement he implies that the Islamic system is redundant and inferior to the kuffaar system of brutality which Hadhrat Thanvi (rahmatullah alayh) described "akin to kufr". How on earth and how in Hell can this kaafir brutal system of torture and haraam ever be "conducive to halaal slaughtering" when the process is haraam from A to Z, from even before the chickens are brought to the killing facilities? Everything is haraam in the kaafir system. The writer's mind is clearly deranged with the carrion corruption hence he is capable of such a corrupt claim.

(11) The evidence is overwhelming to substantiate that Tasmiyah is NOT being recited and that the neck-vessels are not cut according to the requisites of the Shariah. The possibility of doubt is totally precluded. Ask Maulana Yunus Patel Sahib who had based his "totally haraam according to all Mazhabs," fatwa solely on the basis of SANHA's inspection and claim that Tasmiyah was not being recited and that the necks were not being properly cut. What is sauce for the goose.....applies to Maulana Patel and SANHA as well. They should bury themselves with shame for this duplicity, double standards and using the Deen for nafsani and worldly motives. MJC chickens are haraam according to SANHA and Maulana Patel when it suits their nafsani agenda. But when the very same irregularities prevail at SANHA certified plants, then the chickens are halaal and tayyib!!!

(12) It will be appropriate at this juncture to mention the reasons why Molvi A.S.Doba and Molvi Ismail Khan, the two Earlybird supervisors had resigned. When *The Majlis* had published the resignation and the 48 bird per minute demand of Earlybird, SANHA vehemently refuted this. SANHA and Molvi I.Khan alleged that the resignations were for personal reasons. As mentioned above, Molvi Doba neither confirmed what The Majlis said nor refuted it. He simply disappeared from the scene and went into strict purdah, and to this day his hijab is impregnable.

While SANHA had repeatedly alleged that there NEVER were any problems or complaints regarding the slaughtering process at the haraam carrion chicken plants, several letters of Molvi Ismail Khan, SANHA and MJC, in our possession, unequivocally confirm the very serious irregularities which SANHA has vainly endeavoured to conceal from the Muslim community. Insha'Allah, these letters will be published verbatim so that the Muslim community may understand what filth they had been fed by SANHA under guise of the *najaasat* being halaal. For your better understanding, I reproduce here just one letter written by the MJC in response to all the complaints made by the supervisor, Molvi Ismail Khan. The letter is addressed to Earlybird management, and is dated 30 May 2007. Imaam Harris of the MJC wrote:

"Respected Mr. John MacKay,

Re: Slaughtering Operations at Olifantsfontein/Standerton

Further to our meeting in Cape Town on 16th March 2007 when we raised certain concerns about your slaughtering operations.

Thus far, we have had no responses from you with regard to our grievances. As indicated to you, our supervisors at both Plants are very unhappy and have threatened to resign because of various factors, viz.

1. Interference in the manner of slaughtering and loosing of heads. May we respectfully remind you that the method of slaughtering has to be in terms of Islamic laws. Any changes to the slaughtering methods, might create Haraam and not **Halaal** birds. This will seriously affect your sales. May we also remind you that the Standerton Plant was formerly certified by SANHA. When we took over the certification, we took over all the structures and personnel of SANHA. By bringing about new changes, might also bring on to you unnecessary and adverse propaganda.
2. The same goes for trying to decrease the amount of Slaughterers at both Plants. This is not acceptable and we are not going to compromise on standards. The issue of County Fair is a different matter and must never be compared with Early Bird. Over the years, we have also had numerous problems with County Fair over their Slaughtering teams and have occasionally informed them of our dissatisfaction. But we will deal with County Fair at some other time.
3. Then we also have your value-added Plant which is not certified. We are not aware of the ingredients used and who is in charge of the production.
4. As previously stated, our supervisors for whom we have great respect and trust, have also become very unhappy in that there is no communication with them.

Therefore we sincerely hope that you can realise the seriousness of the situation and attend to it immediately."

From this letter you will realize the extent of the complaints, grievances and corruption. You will now understand why Doba and Khan had resigned. You will also note the lies SANHA had all along been peddling regarding the resignations, and the other issues. You will also note that despite the MJC and SANHA having absolutely no control and supervision of the 'value-added' plant where they inject the pork-beef waste substance into the meat, they continue certifying the chickens. On their own admission they are not aware of the ingredients nor of any supervision, etc. Will it now not be jaaiz to put all of these treacherous sellers of the Deen in front of a firing squad and eliminate them, or bury the whole miserable lot alive, covering them up with stones and thorns, not sand!!!!

(13) In Maulana Yunus Patel's letter you will observe that SANHA had reported that the MJC certified plants even had non-Muslim supervisors in charge of 'halaal' operations. A few weeks ago when Yunus, the acting Muslim supervisor at Earlybird resigned because of the malpractices, Earlybird promptly appointed a Christian, Mr.Noah, to be the supervisor. While SANHA and Maulana Yunus Patel had crowed much when the MJC certified plants had non-Muslim supervisors, they accept Earlybird's appointment of a Christian supervisor. At the same time they criminally deny this fact. I do not know if the Christian has been changed subsequent to our pamphlet on this issue.

(14) The miserable molvi who has lost his Imaani bearings, writes in his letter the following drivel:

"However, if he (i.e. the slaughterer)makes a general and vague statement, such as 'I don't read tasmiyah when I slaughter', etc. then we will not declare any specific animal haraam, especially when we are not sure which animal he had specifically slaughtered and the fact that there are other Muslim slaughterers doing the same job."

This poor fellow argues typically like the 'molvis' of the Yahood and Nasaara who were experts in the art of treacherously compromising the Deen for worldly and nafsani motives.

If a man says that he does not recite Tasmiyah when he slaughters, then it shall be accepted that in fact he does not recite Tasmiyah, and all the animals he slaughters will be declared haraam. In the context of the carrion chicken-killing facilities, even if we assume that only one slaughterer made this declaration, then at least the 20,000 chickens which he had slaughtered for the day are haraam carrion. In which way will these 20,000 haraam carrion chickens be differentiated from the other supposedly 'halaal' chickens? Any Muslim whose brain and heart have not become corrupted and deranged with carrion consumption and who have not adopted the profession of halaalizing almost every haraam act, not only carrion, will undoubtedly never believe that it could ever be permissible to devour any of the chickens when in one week 100,000 carrion chickens are mixed up with the other supposedly 'halaal' chickens.

Secondly, this miserable character who pretends to be a man of learning, conveniently and deceptively ignores the claim of his adversaries who say that **ALL** the slaughterers are saying under oath that they do not recite Tasmiyah, they can't recite Tasmiyah on all the birds, hence they have adopted a defeatist attitude which has constrained them to refrain from making a mockery of Allah's Name. They simply abstain from Tasmiyah. When all the slaughterers are speaking with one tongue – **all the slaughterers of Rainbow and Earlybird** – then by what stretch of logic and honesty could it still be argued that the carrion chickens are 'halaal'? It is precisely for this reason that several slaughterers at Rainbow said that they do not eat Rainbow chickens notwithstanding the fact that they themselves are doing the slaughtering.

It is not an isolated chap who says that he does not recite Tasmiyah. The whole lot of them are making this claim.

(15) Then the deviated molvi says: *"According to Shariah, if a person points to an animal and says that I slaughtered it without tasmiyah, then one can accept his word and consider that particular animal as haraam."*

Firstly, the miserable molvi speaks plain rubbish. If a person says that "I did not recite Tasmiyah on 'this animal'", then the issue of 'can and consider' does not feature. The animal is quite simply 'maitah' and haraam. Only a jaahil like this lost soul sees scope in regarding this openly haraam carrion to be 'halaal'. What utter rubbish he gorges out!!! The slaughterer himself says that "I DID NOT RECITE TASMIYAH ON THIS ANIMAL", yet the miscreant 'molvi says that you "can consider it to be haraam". !!!

Secondly, all the slaughterers are claiming precisely what the molvi has spat out. They all point to all the carrion chickens and proclaim: "We did not recite Tasmiyah on all these thousands and hundreds of thousands and millions of chickens which we have slaughtered and which we are slaughtering".

(16) The molvi who has joined the league of evil molvis, continuing with his rubbish observations, says in his letter: *"As far as eating at other Muslims' homes, one does not need to ask where they obtain their meat and chicken from. It is clearly written in the books of Fiqah that when invited by a Muslim, one does not need to query the halaal status of his or her food. And this is my principle when eating at other Muslims' homes."*

This molvi with blinded soul knows extremely little of 'Fiqah' books. He only understands the 'fiqah' of his nafs. If it is known that Muslims in general are consuming pork, rats, lizards,

snakes, donkeys, etc., will such Muslims who understand that they are Muslims ever eat at such homes? We can understand when a molvi devours carrion, but it is never expected of a true Muslim to answer an invitation or to eat food at a Muslim's home when it is known that the norm is for the overwhelming majority of Muslims to eat carrion and all sorts of haraam animals.

When the condition of Muslims as a whole is Islamic, and they are aware of what they are expected to do as Muslims, and what they can eat and what they can't eat, then in such a healthy Deeni environment, one does not generally question when eating at their homes. But in a scenario where it is known with absolute certainty that 99% of Muslims devour Rainbow and Earlybird carrion chickens, then it is HARAAM to eat at their homes.

Hadhrat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thaanvi (rahmatullah alayh) has emphatically stated that in this era the principle is no longer, *Al-Aslu fil ash-yaa al-ibaahah*. On the contrary, the governing principle in this age is *Al-Aslul fil ash-yaa al-hurmah*. That is, the rule nowadays is no longer one of general permissibility. Rather it is one of prohibition until permissibility has been clearly established. When I read this fatwa of Hadhrat Hakimul Ummah some time ago, I was under the impression that Hadhrat Thaanvi (rahmatullah alayh) was the first to propound this 'new' rule. However, recently I read somewhere that other Fuqaha had adopted this same principle centuries before Hadhrat Thaanvi (rahmatullah alayh). Right now I cannot recall the reference. Insha'Allah, I shall stumble on the reference again.

And, what is the verdict when visiting North and West Africa where Maaliki's predominate and generally consume a variety of animals which are all haraam for Hanafis? Does it mean that if a Maaliki friend invites a Hanafi, the latter should simply eat the meat the Maaliki serves? Perhaps the Yahudi 'molvi' is unaware of the following formidable list of permissible meat for Maaliki's: eagle, vulture, falcon, hawk and all this kind of birds of prey. In West Africa it is said that the cooked hawk meat is 'extremely delicious'. We are sure that the Yahudi 'molvi' who halaalizes rotten, diseased carrion chickens will be in position to endorse this claim of extremely delicious hawk and vulture meat.

Monkey, donkey, hedgehog, wild rats, reptiles, lizards, hyena, fox, squirrel, worms, non-poisonous snakes, insects and many other kinds of animals haraam for us are all halaal for Maaliki's. Does it mean that because Maaliki's are Muslims following a Math-hab of Haqq, we are allowed to freely eat in their homes when we know that the norm among them is to consume all such forms of meat which are haraam for us? Perhaps the miscreant molvi has tasted rat and snake meat, hence he cannot find any objection to haraam carrion chickens.

And what is the position when it is known that Shaafis, especially in poor countries, consume weasel meat, hedgehog, hyena, lizard, fox, etc., etc.? Shall we Hanafis simply eat any meat in their homes merely because they are Muslims? Similarly, when it is an established fact that the entire community is addicted to haraam carrion chicken, then it is haraam for those who believe these chickens to be carrion to eat the chicken-food served in these homes.

As for the deviate molvi's private principle, he may continue corrupting his heart and deranging his brains with haraam diseased, rotten carrion chickens. His private principle of advertised 'taqwa' is laughable and it speaks volumes for his *hubb-e-jah*.

(17) Reverting to the liar's 'bribery' slander, he states:

"Slaughterers are not paid very well, so they can be bribed. They will sing your tune if they know there is something in it for them. This too, has happened recently. Certain slaughterers were promised aid for themselves and their families, so they started attacking the system."

In making this sweeping statement of *buhtaan*, this *kath-thaab* (chief of liars) has slandered many Ulama without him having the slightest semblance of evidence for his bribery slander. What is his evidence for this slander? Who had paid the bribe and to whom, and when? From whom did this LIAR get any information in this regard? From the slaughterers? If so, why does he not assist his SANHA bosom friends in his bid to bail them out of the rotten quagmire of haraam carrion?

It devolves upon the molvi as an incumbent obligation to pursue the bribery matter to establish the truth or falsehood of it. But without the slightest evidence, this miserable molvi of *soo'* (evil) deems it proper and an act of Taqwa to smear honest Ulama with his *buhtaan-najaasat* of bribery.

How many slaughterers were bribed? How much money did they get and who paid the money? Were only Rainbow's slaughterers "bribed"? Or were Earlybird's slaughterers also bribed? So far, 16 Rainbow slaughterers and 15 Earlybird slaughterers have signed sworn affidavits. Have all of them been bribed? In our opinion the only atonement for this colossal *buhtaan* is that the miscreant should himself cut out his tongue and give it to dogs for raw meat to devour. While carrion chickens are haraam for dogs, this molvi's tongue in our opinion will be halaal for dogs. Indeed this man of *baatil* is Iblees incarnate, for it is only devils who are capable of such slander for which there exists not the slightest shred of evidence.

Furthermore, slaughterers have complained to Ulama of the KZN Jamiat years before we came on board this rotten carrion chicken saga. But those Ulama contained the information within their ranks. They did not adopt our methodology of alerting the Muslim community about the carrion they are being fed by SANHA and miscreant, deviated 'molvis'. Did those Ulama too bribe the slaughterers? Can this evil molvi come forward to take an oath in Allah's Name that we had bribed the slaughterers? The miserable deviate conveniently forgets that it is SANHA and his own likes who are being bribed by the chicken plants with *riba* money to sustain the haraam 'halaal' certificates. It is SANHA and the likes of the deviate who are being bribed with millions of rand to sweep under the carpet the numerous haraam malpractices plaguing the carrion chicken plants.

According to the lost 'molvi', the slaughterers "will sing your tune" for money. So let SANHA who had fraudulently attempted to get Earlybird's slaughterers to sign a fraudulent and criminal affidavit, pay the slaughterers some *riba* bucks to induce them to sing their tune of 'halaal'. If bribery could have achieved SANHA's goal, then the vile SANHA molvis would have a long time ago bribed the slaughterers for their silence, and for refuting us.

Lies, fraud, deceit and malice have become the salient weapons of the SANHA gang which the molvi is supporting. He has his own corrupt *hubb-e-jah* agenda. This vile 'molvi' is a silent and a dumb shaitaan.

(18) Before MJC and SANHA, the then Jamiatul Ulama Transvaal operated by Mia's Farm, had issued Earlybird a halaal certificate. After some time they withdrew their halaal certificate. The reasons were never made public.

(19) While the evil molvi who had never set foot in the Earlybird chicken plant, brazenly lies with his claim that there are four slaughterers on the line, the four Ulama inspection team can vouch and take an oath in Allah's Name that with their own eyes they saw only THREE slaughterers on the line. This is corroborated by **ALL** the slaughterers. In addition it is corroborated by letters of the MJC and of Earlybird. In these letters following condition for the Halaal standard stipulated by the MJC and SANHA, and accepted by Earlybird is unequivocally stated:

*"The South African National Halaal Authority (i.e. Sanha) has laid down clear guidelines regarding what they require in terms of Halaal Rules and Regulations: (1) **Three slaughterers on the line at all times.**" (Earlybird's Memorandum, dated 30 October 2000, "To All Halaal Slaughterers and All Halaal Supervisors").*

"However, I wish to confirm further that the following should be adhered to at all times:- Three slaughterers should be on line at all times" (Imam Yasin Harris, Director of the MJC, in a letter dated 31 October 2000 to Early Bird Farms).

Tomorrow there is a Day called Qiyaamah and a Divine Court where all this rot of SANHA and Maulana Patel and the whole gang will be exposed. May Allah Ta'ala save us from the evil of our nafs and the snares of shaitaan.

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