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**MJC (SA) CONDEMNS HATE SPEECH BY KHALID SAYED** 11/08/22

The MJC (SA) notes with concern the inflammatory statements made by Khalid Sayed in a sermon conducted at the Ahlul Bayt Centre in Cape Town. In his speech, Sayed slandered the rightly guided Caliphs, *Khulafā`* of *Islām*, stating that the Caliphate was ‘immediately usurped by the hypocrites’ following the death of the Prophet (s). His statement claims that Saydinah Abu Bakr RA, Saydinah Umar RA and Saydinah Uthman RA sold their deen for the love of worldly gains and deliberately stole the caliphate for themselves. Meanwhile the rest of the Sahaba sat ideally by, either in approval of this evil or out of fear of persecution.

Sayed’s comments can only be described as being hateful and ignorant which directly conflicts with the Quran when Allah says about the companions of Prophet Muhammad (S), *sahaba*:

*“And the foremost to embrace Islam of the Muhaajiroon (immigrants from Makka) and the Ansaar (Supporters from Madinah) and then those who followed them exactly (in Faith). Allaah is well-pleased with them as they are well-pleased with Him. He has prepared for them Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise), to dwell therein forever. That is the supreme success” [al-Tawbah 9:100]*

*“Indeed, Allaah was pleased with the believers when they gave the Bay’ah (pledge) to you (O Muhammad) under the tree, He knew what was in their hearts, and He sent down As-Sakeenah (calmness and tranquillity) upon them, and He rewarded them with a near victory”[al-Fath 48:18]*

The MJC (SA) along with the vast majority of the Muslim community hold the status of the *sahaba* as sacrosanct. Insulting the companions is deemed a rejection of the Quran and is a direct assault on the person of the Prophet (S) as it implies that the most beloved people to the Prophet (s) were indeed of the worse of hypocrites! The MJC(SA) reiterates its position that comments of this nature are blasphemous and are tantamount to *Kufr (disbelief)*.

Furthermore, while Sayed’s filthy statement does nothing to diminish the stature of the illustrious *sahaba* it only serves as a slap in the face of the majority of the Muslim *Ummah* who hold the Sahaba dear to our hearts. His reckless rhetoric plays into sectarian divisions which could potentially destabilize the harmony that currently exists within the South African Muslim community.

The MJC(SA) notes Sayed’s retraction and unconditional apology. We advise Sayed and all others to adhere to the prophetic injunction when the Prophet (s) said:

*“Do not revile my companions, for by the One in Whose hand is my soul, if one of you were to spend the equivalent of (Mount) Uhud in gold, it would not amount to a mudd (approx 0.796kg) of one of them, or half of that.”* Narrated by al-Bukhaari (3673) and Muslim (2540)

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