



We Salute Our Brothers in Prison



Currently, **12 Brothers** are still unjustly incarcerated:

- **Dawood Osman** @ Drakenstein (March 1998)
- **Anees Adams** @ Helderstroom (December 1998)
- **Ismail Edwards** @ Worcester Central (April 1999)
- **Ebrahim Jenniker** @ Helderstroom (April 1999)
- **Mog. Zain Cornellisen** @ Malmesbury (May 1999)
- **Mogamat Isaacs** @ Bloemfontein (June 1999)
- **Abdullah Maansdorp** @ Helderstroom (June 1999)
- **Mansoor Legget** @ Bloemfontein (November 1999)
- **Nasrudien Gamielien** @ Ceres (June 2000)
- **Faizel Samsodien** @ Brandvlei (June 2000)
- **Shaheed Jones** @ Helderstroom (December 2000)
- **Faadiel Orrie** @ Worcester Central (March 2001)

***Yusuf Abader** has been convicted & found guilty of murder; sentenced to 18 Years in the High Court; he was granted leave to appeal after the court extended his bail.

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welcome to the real world...

Algamdu-Lillah, with the grace of the Almighty, the **PAGAD Website went live during this blessed month of Ramadaan.**

This website will be a **dynamic** and **ever-changing site**. We will continue to add new and relevant information as the situation in our community unfolds.

Be sure to visit the website regularly since **information will be added** to the site on an ongoing basis.

Watch this space for new and exciting views and information.



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Eid-ul-Fitr, Shawaal 1431, September 2010

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

Allahu-Akbar! Allahu-Akbar!! Allahu-Akbar!!!

Allah is the Greatest! Allah is the Greatest!! Allah is the Greatest!!!



We, the **People Against Gangsterism & Drugs**, extend our best wishes to you and your family on this day of Eid-ul-Fitr. We approach the day of Eid with the obvious nervousness of hoping that we have put in enough effort to make maximum use of the month of Ramadaan.

We approach Eid-ul-Fitr with a degree of anxiety; whether we will be given another opportunity to sharpen our skill of exercising self-restraint. Now that the blessed month of Ramadaan is over, let us encourage each other to concentrate on building onto that quality of self-restraint - so that it lasts, at least, until the next Ramadaan.

By fasting we have all made a deliberate statement that **we are prepared to follow the instructions in the Quran**. We have indicated that we abstain from things that are normally permissible because it is an instruction from Allah (SWT). The best way to continue in this spirit is for all of us to continue to follow the instructions from Allah (SWT) - even if it puts us through a period of hunger, pain or difficulty. If we do this, we could say that we have benefited from the month of Ramadaan.

On this day of Eid, PAGAD wishes to reach out to you, to find common ground in the obedience to Allah (SWT). Let us find the strength to forego our egos and self-interests. We urge everyone to put an end to practices that are going against the instructions from Allah (SWT) and to forge ahead with implementing what Allah (SWT) commands.

Forging ahead, we recognise that our fasting is a personal choice and we would do it even if the state where we live opposes the practice. Similarly, we would continue to perform Salaah, give charity and oppose what is wrong. These are duties that are incumbent upon Muslims irrespective of where they live.

The spirit of sacrifice and sharing of the blessed month of Ramadaan must encourage Muslims to share with all around them, **be tolerant** of the practices of others **if it does not violate the rights of the defenceless, the poor and the destitute**. Muslims do not owe allegiance to a state simply because the state does not oppose the building of mosques or minarets and the like. Muslims do what they are instructed to do by Allah (SWT).

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We, the People Against Gangsterism & Drugs urge Muslims all over the world to be bold enough to say that **we will not befriend you if you befriend Shaitaan**. Let us use the day of Eid-ul-Fitr, to look for the good qualities in each other so that we can nurture the love between us. **Let us be hostile to those who want to lead us away from Allah** (SWT) and let us establish bonds of friendship and understanding between those who love Allah (SWT) and his Rasool (SAW).

PAGAD wishes you and your family an **Eid Mubarak!**

We greet you in the name of Peace & Justice.
Assalamu 'Alaikum Warahmatu Laahi Wabarakatu.



The Sanctity of the Masjid & Jumu'ah

Much has been said about the actions of PAGAD members at Masjid-ul-Quds in Gatesville - while **Ebrahim Rasool** was giving a pre-khutbah talk during Jumu'ah on 23 July 2010. There is no fundamental dispute regarding the chain of events on the day and hence there is no need for clarification in that respect. However, the sanctity of the masjid and, more so, the sacred period and platform of Jumu'ah, is the issue that needs to be discussed and clarified.

The position of PAGAD is quite simple. The platform of Jumu'ah in the Masjid must be used **to guide the Muslims and encourage us to implement the laws of Allah** (SWT) **in our daily lives**. While this can be done in innovative ways, it has to be done by people who are themselves convinced that the way of Allah is indeed the right way. Masjid committees are violating the sanctity of the Jumu'ah platform if they allow people who violate the laws of Allah in their execution of the daily tasks to speak on the Jumu'ah platform.

There are instances in the history of the illustrious companions of the Prophet (SAW), where people interrupted them while they were delivering their khutbah. These companions were people of exceptional caliber, and the interruptions were not deemed to be a violation of Jumu'ah. **Ebrahim Rasool however, consistently and willfully violates the laws of Allah**. How can an attempt to stop him from abusing the mimbar be deemed to be a violation of Jumu'ah?

Violate the laws of Allah (SWT) you might ask?

Ebrahim Rasool was **Provincial Minister of Health** (1994 to 1998) when the **Termination of Pregnancy Act legalized abortion** and was rolled out in the Western

Cape. He claimed it was a decision made at national level, but he chose to stay in the job and authorize the killing of the innocent unborn children in the wombs of the mothers. The law has made it easier for people to kill their unborn children. Though this is in direct contrast with the instruction of Allah (SWT), Ebrahim Rasool continues to defend this legislation.

Ebrahim Rasool was **Provincial Minister of Finance** (2001 to 2004) when **amendments to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Act were passed**. This amendment effectively put R40million into the pockets of the shareholders of GrandWest Casino. In May 2008, he also addressed a gathering at GrandWest Casino on the occasion of the listing of the holding company on the JSE, and encouraged others to invest.

Ebrahim Rasool was **Premier** (2004 to 2008) when the **Western Cape Liquor Bill was passed in March 2007**. He boasted on radio talk shows that he was the architect of the legislation and still defends the legislation. Bear in mind that the shebeens were all illegal before the bill. After the bill, at least 8000 of them could operate legally.

He has shown a clear pattern of conduct. If and when he has to choose between the law of Allah (SWT) and the law of his boss, he chooses the law of his boss. He defends it and he convinces others around him that the law of Allah can be put aside; and the law of his boss must prevail. **He uses the language and terminology of Islam to take people away from Allah** (SWT). His mission is, unfortunately, rubber stamped by misguided individuals who hold public office seemingly on the prospect of reaping advantages for themselves.

Those who allow Ebrahim Rasool to speak on a Jumu'ah platform after knowing these facts are clearly the ones who violate the sanctity of Jumu'ah. There are those who say that we must be tolerant because we live in a secular society. Our response is simple. We will not tolerate a shebeen in a masjid, even if it exists in a secular society and therefore we will not tolerate those who legalise shebeens to abuse the sanctity of our masjid.

It seems as if **he had been conveniently positioned in jobs to neutralize the obvious opposition that would come from Muslims during the initial implementation of these laws**.

What can we expect from his next appointment?

Does the boss now want to use him to legitimize a fresh attack on Muslim resistance that Rasool has already labeled as extremists? We hope we are wrong in this regard.

Ebrahim Rasool was, however, correct in one of his recent responses. PAGAD's opposition is not to him alone. He is really insignificant in the bigger picture. **Muslims have the responsibility to maintain the sanctity of the Jumu'ah platform** and therefore cannot allow anyone who violates the laws of Allah to use that platform. **If we do not do this, we will pave the way for child molesters, drug dealers and gays to be the next candidates to pollute our minds during this sacred period.**

Are we also going to be told that we are violating the sanctity of the masjid when we eject these culprits from the masjid? In this world, maybe; but definitely NOT in the hereafter!

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