



# special bulletin

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## Ebrahim Rasool @ GrandWest Casino...

We call on all Believers to read this article from the Cape Argus (dated Monday, 2 June 2008) and then consider the following issues:

Ebrahim Rasool spoke at a dinner at GrandWest Casino. **Is it appropriate for him to speak from the mimbar of the mosque next week?**

The occasion was the announcement of the listing of GrandParade Investments (GPI), where Ebrahim Rasool encouraged people to become shareholders of companies.

Who is GrandParade Investments (GPI)? GPI is a shareholder in SunWest International who owns GrandWest Casino. The company mainly focuses on the leisure, hotel and gaming sectors. Was he encouraging people to invest in companies like GPI? If so, **will you still call upon Ebrahim Rasool to speak at the opening of your child's Madressa?**

During his stint as Provincial Finance Minister, Ebrahim Rasool changed the Tax Laws in order to give GrandWest a tax break of R40m. **Will you allow him to be involved in your Halaal finances?**

He shares the platform with Hassen Adams who is the chairman of GPI as well as the deputy chairman of SunWest International. **Would you still want to associate with this man and share a platform with him? Is it appropriate that he holds a senior position at an Islamic University in South Africa?**

He boasts that he was instrumental in introducing the new Liquor Bill - that will legalise thousands of shebeens. **Do you believe that he is able to enlighten the Believers as to what Allah commands?**

We have addressed these issues publicly before. We have also privately informed the various religious personalities and bodies around us regarding these facts. Herewith, we are making a final public appeal to all Religious Bodies - to **cut all ties with Ebrahim Rasool**. We cannot allow him to use the platforms of the Muslims because he contradicts the very essence of what Allah SWT commands.

*"...They ask you concerning intoxicants and gambling...*

*Say: in them is a great sin and some profit for men;  
but the sin is greater than the profit..."*

*~ Al Quran Surah 2 Verse 219*

We call upon all sensible and sincere Believers to insist on their respective Religious Leaders to adopt a public stance on this issue. In doing so, we will ensure that gambling and liquor is not made more acceptable to our children (by devious individuals such as Ebrahim Rasool).

**May Allah (SWT) guide and protect us (and our children) from the evils of liquor and gambling!**

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yourself  
- Rasool

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More South Africans should buy shares in companies so that they can be empowered, says Premier Ebrahim Rasool.

He was speaking at a dinner at Grand West Casino on Saturday where it was announced that Grand Parade Investments (GPI) will be listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange on Friday.

The event was attended by about 4 000 people, including shareholders.

GPI has 17 000 shareholders from previously disadvantaged backgrounds.

"We don't have gold mines here. We have to find other ways of growing the economy," said Rasool.

Rasool encouraged people to become shareholders of companies. "Many people still believe we have to do things for them. They don't take the initiative," said Rasool.

GPI chairman Hassen Adams recalled when they started the company a few years ago. "We were six people meeting on the 23rd floor of a central Cape Town office block to discuss the establishment of an empowerment group representing the diversity of marginalised communities in the Western Cape, which would invest in the tourism, leisure and gaming industry," he said.

At the time they had encouraged black people to buy shares in the company. It had been a long journey for them and they had overcome many obstacles.

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