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Prime Minister Mr. John Howard

Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

Re: Am I allowed to teach people the Quran?

Two Australian laws are in conflict with each other

I am writing to you to ask few questions. Actually it is only one main question. If you answer this main question I believe that it is not necessary to answer the rest. Your time is important and I don't want to take your time for unnecessary things. My question is very simple.

The question: "Am I allowed to teach people the Quran?"

To teach the Quran including: **A.** Reciting the Quran for others. **B.** To let the people know about the translation of the Quran in English. **C.** Explaining the reason for the revelation of the verses and **D.** Explaining the interpretation of the verses.

You might answer: "Yes of course you are allowed to teach the Quran. The Australian Government is committed to protecting the right of all people to practise their religion, whether it be Christianity, Judaism, Islam or another system of beliefs."

My answer would be: The anti terrorism law doesn't permit anyone to incite or instruct terrorism directly or indirectly. If I recite the Quran, even without any interpretation of the texts, only by reciting the Quran for others, the Australian Government can claim that the reciter has been trying to incite or instruct terrorism. After the new anti terrorism law some Muslims are not sure whether or not reciting the Quran is legal. When I talk about reciting, I mean all of Quran. The Government can't allow people to recite only some parts of the Quran. We as Muslims believe in all of the Quran. We can't make any exception. So if the Government doesn't allow Muslims to recite only one particular verse of the Quran, that means reciting "the Quran" is not allowed. If Muslims will be accused as radical or terrorist just by reciting the verses of the Quran, the two Australian laws are in conflict with each other. One law gives the right to people to practise their religion and another law prohibits reciting the holy book of Muslims.

You might say: Yes you can teach people the Quran, but the interpretation of the texts must not be a kind of interpretation that incite or instruct people for terrorism. My answer would be: Forget about interpretation of the Quran. I am happy only if I am allowed to recite the Quran for others. Only the texts and the translation of the texts. Without any interpretation.

I will be very grateful if I will be allowed to do part **A** and **B** recite or type the Quran in English for others. just The Quran, I do not expect you to allow me for part **C** and **D** now.

By the way I note that if I am allowed to recite the Quran or type it for others I will not accept to cut some verses, I will recite all of the Quran including:

Chapter 2 Verses: 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 214, 216, 217 and 244.

Chapter 3 Verses: 142,156 and 200.

Chapter 4 Verses: 71, 75, 76, 84, 95 and 96.

Chapter 5 Verses: 35 and 87.

Chapter 8 Verses: 15, 16, 39, 45, 46, 60 and 66.

Chapter 9 Verses: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 29, 36, 38, 39, 41, 73 and 123.

Chapter 22 Verses: 39 and 78.

Chapter 48 Verse: 17

Chapter 60 Verse: 8

Chapter 61 Verses: 4, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Chapter 66 Verse: 9.

Dear Prime Minister please let me know as quick as possible that the reciting or typing the Quran for others is legal or not.

By the way still my website is not even few weeks old, some people are trying to label me as “radical” and “terrorist”. I am not sure but I have been told that the Government and secret groups are behind this. I hope it is not true. If it is true please advise the governmental agencies to stop for a while and have patience till I start my teaching. I am new here. My website is new and I have not started teaching yet. When I start teaching the Quran then if they think it is radical stuff they can jump and start their conspiracy to accuse me, but not now. Please wait. I am followed and monitored wherever I go. If it is planned and operated by the Government please ask them to stop. I do not feel comfortable like this. I need to have my privacy. Please ask them to respect to my privacy. Please do not ask me to report it to the police, it is useless and waste of time, I do not want to report it to the police. Please ask them to wait. I haven’t started teaching the Quran yet. Actually I am waiting for your permission, then I will start. Please answer my question as soon as possible. I just want to know that reciting or typing the Quran in English is legal or illegal?

The copy of the letter 13 November sent to “Consumer Affairs Victoria” with the documents and evidences of the conspiracy all are enclosed. Do you know which agency might have been behind this conspiracy? Any idea? Any guess? Is there any political mafia in Australia?

I mentioned “police” above, so I remembered something to tell you. Do you know that after the story of Dr. Mohammad Haneef, some Muslims do not trust the Federal Police anymore? The Federal Police is an organisation to make the condition better and safer and to protect

people, but if the police not only doesn't protect Muslims but also for instance write in their diary something to frame them as guilty and place them in more danger, in that case where should we go to report and complain? From whom can we request to protect us? Who can we trust? This is a very big problem in the society. We need the police without the corruption. You can't even fight with terrorism if there is corruption in ASIO. You can't protect Australia if there is corruption in the police. Always we hear news about corruption. Last week again I heard in the news about corruption in the Victorian police. This week again there was in the news about the corruption in ASIO. Regarding another innocent Muslim Mr. Izhar Ul Haque, the Justice Michael Adams said the two ASIO officers "committed the criminal offences of false imprisonment and kidnapping at common law". After the scandal of the Federal Police about Dr Mohammad Haneef, now again another scandal of ASIO about Mr. Izhar Ul Haque. At the same time I have reported a terrorist acts occurred in Sydney 4th July 2007 but because the reporter is Muslim and the victim is Non Muslim the authorities do not care, they do not even interrogate the suspect. Well if the Australian Government doesn't care about Non Muslim terrorist victims, so obviously it is not war on terror. It is war on Islam.

Dear Prime Minister there is another subject regarding "radical" and "moderate" that I want to explain in this letter. Let me make something clear for you:

We do not have "radical" and "moderate" in Islam. Muslims are Muslims. Muslims are not divided to two kinds of "radical" and "Moderate". These names and divisions are made by man, not by God or religion. Radical Muslim and moderate Muslim do not exist. Muslims are Muslims even if they have different interpretation of the religious texts. In Islam there is another division. 1. The Muslims who follow the Quran and practice the religion. 2. The Muslims that believe in God and the messenger of God, Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him), but they do not follow the Quran and do not practise the religion. They just carry the name of Islam. So this division is not only in Islam, we can see it in all other religions. There are practising Christians and non practising Christians. They are not called radical Christians or moderate Christians.

Radical Muslims do not exist. Moderate Muslims do not exist. Extremist Muslims do not exist. According the order of Allah in the Quran we are not allowed to call any name on our religion but Islam, and any name on ourselves but Muslim (I refer you to Chapter 30, Verse 32 of the holy Quran). If a Muslim doesn't follow the Quran, do not call him/her moderate, but call him a Muslim who is not following the rules of his/her religion. Islam is not divided to two types of hard and soft, radical and moderate. Also the Quran is one unique holy book. There are not few versions of the Quran. I understand that there is variety of different interpretations of verses which are not clear enough and need to be explained by an expert, but that is completely different subject and will not result in division of radical and moderate, and secondly those verses are the minority. The majority of the verses are very clear and without any interpretation and explanation they give one particular guideline to the Muslims and no need that any cleric explain about them. The guidelines of the Quran are very clear. Unfortunately those who follow the Quran and practise their religion are called radical Muslims or extremist or Islamist or fundamentalist. And those who only carry the name of

Muslim and Islam without following the orders of Allah in the Holy Quran are called moderate Muslims or understanding Muslims or open minded Muslims!

As I said, the majority of verses are clear and doesn't need to be interpreted, so you do not have to be worry whether or not they will be interpreted within the framework of Australian law. The only thing that is necessary is a teacher who should recite the verses of the holy Quran for the people in English and reminds them about the orders of Allah. I am a simple and non perfect teacher and I want to teach Muslims the Quran in English and this simple teacher is waiting for the reply letter of his Prime Minister to answer this question that: "Considering the anti terrorism law, teaching Quran is legal or not?" Thank you.

Kind regards

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