

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

To: El Sheikh Syed Mubarik Ali Shah Jilani

From: Shuaib Abdur Rahman Ahmad Q.M.

Glory and Praise be to Allah and  
Peace and blessings of Allah be upon Muhammad (SAW)

If it be Allah's will, I shall attempt to give my unbiased views of my abu's (Nazim Adil Muhammad) role as IMAM of this jamat. I have stood behind him with an effort to assist him where possible. I must say that I possess a limited amount of understanding on many issues.

<sup>(the brothers)</sup> From my observation he is a man of counsel. Twice weekly we have a majlis wherein jamat expenses are collectively paid and all matters both personal and collective are discussed. Occasionally, some matters of sensitive nature are presented before to Muhammad Jamal for more clarity. Solutions to many problems are sought while trying to achieve both fairness and equity. We find that sometimes we can achieve equity but at the expense of fairness. The brothers have tried a couple of different methods for paying the bills, and now my abu has an idea which may benefit all families concerned. (Inshallah)

The Nazim has also served as counselor in domestic matters. He has had meetings with the ladies to inform them of some jamat business, to allow them to express some of their feelings or opinions, and he has tried to get a school developed. I might say that the ladies have sometimes been difficult on a couple of matters and he has had to try to help them.

I have stated that the major expenses of the jamat are handled collectively. This is because in the past some

brothers didn't earn enough money to support their families. Now some of the ladies are working and that has relieved much pressure. (alhamdulillah) The Nazim bears the burdens of figuring up the weekly expenses for all the houses in the jamat and how much the brothers will have to pay. There are 5 families so the total is divided by 5, even though some families are very large and some are very small.

Since my abu earns a generous amount of money he very often puts up more than his share so the brothers won't have to pay as much. In his effort to channel that which is beyond his need to those greatest in need, he has been accused unjustly of both selfishness and neglect. Some people have displayed disobedience and unmannerliness because they felt neglected.

In opinion the Nazim has basically tried to ~~display~~ act with humility and sound judgement. He is not rude and performs a seemingly mild manner of command. I would like to add that I don't wish to be too forward.

### Questions to the Sheikh

1. I wish to some day give my hand in bayat to Shah Sahib.
2. I ask for advice to help me on the path.
3. I ask for advice ~~on~~ to help me to understand women or maybe how to interact with them.
4. I ask for a positive word on polygamy.