

STATEMENTS OF THE SCHOLARS ON SHAIKH YAHYA AL-HAJOORI, HIS FOLLOWERS AND THEIR FITNA

An explanation of the Fitna in Yemen, clarified with the words of
The Scholars of Ahl Al-Sunnah Wal-Jama'a

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Allah ﷻ said:

وَجَعَلْنَا بَعْضَكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ فِتْنَةً أَتَصْبِرُونَ وَكَانَ رَبُّكَ بَصِيرًا

***And We have made some of you as a trial for others; will you have patience?
And your Lord is Ever All-Seer (of everything).***

(Translation of the meaning)

After almost five years of excessive tabdee', slander and numerous lies against the scholars of Ahl Al-Sunnah Wal-Jama'a, the fitna in Yemen has finally come to an end. Shaikh Rabee', Shaikh Obayd, Shaikh Al-Wasaabi, Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Haadi, Shaikh Al-Bukhaari, Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani and others have clearly spoken out against the misguidance, insolence and deceit of Shaikh Yahya Ibn Ali Al-Hajoori and his followers.

Today, the people of knowledge have warned against this man and declared him to be a Haddaadi, a profuse liar and have said he is worse than Faaleh Al-Harbee. But until this very day, their statements haven't been translated into English and this is why many Salafees in the West are still confused about what's going on in Yemen. In fact, many still don't have a clear picture and/or a correct understanding of the reality and true danger of Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori and his followers. Indeed, their fitna has spread all over the world and has divided the Salafees in numerous countries like the UK, the US, France, Holland, Belgium, Russia, Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Saudi, Indonesia, the Maldives, etc.

After having consulted several of the scholars of Medina, we were granted permission to clarify the fitna of Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori and to translate the statements of the scholars that have been made during the past five years...

1. Attempts of Reconciliation by the Scholars

1.1. How the fitna started

The fitna all began with certain frictions between Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori and Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani which were based on the fact that certain students in Dammaaj started signing up people who were interested in buying pieces of land in Aden where the new center of Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani would be founded. Shaikh Yahya claimed that signing up for this list was an innovation and later on ended up by declaring Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani to be an innovator. Shaikh Yahya also declared Shaikh Abdur-Rahman's brother (i.e. Shaikh Abdullah Al-Mar'ee) to be a hizbee for some very unclear reasons.

Numerous lies were being spread about Shaikh Abdurraman and his new centre by the followers of Shaikh Yahya. The following is a phone conversation between a student of Shaikh Abdurraman and Shaikh Rabee' which gives us an example of the viciousness of the lies that were spread:

Questioner: ...*(unclear words)*...yes, we are from Aden.

The Shaikh: How are you doing?

Questioner: Al-hamdulillah we are well Shaikh how about you?

The Shaikh: Al-hamdulillah how are things over there?

Questioner: Some matters are getting out of control...

The Shaikh:...go ahead.

Questioner: ...Shaikh, we are from Aden, we are calling you now on the 11th night of Shawaal, 1427 hijri¹. We want to ask about the information that has been spread here in Yemen saying that you have warned against the brother **Haanee bin Buraik**², that you advised him, that he receives money from "**Ihyaa at-Thuraath**"³ and that you are aware of this as well as the fact that he sponsors the markaz of Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Mar'ee (i.e. with the money from Ihyaa at-Turaath). What do you think about this oh Shaikh, is this correct?

The Shaikh:...All of this *(unclear words)* and I do not warn against Haanee and I don't know of him in any way being connected to Ihyaa at-Turaath and *(unclear words)* ...baarak Allahou fik. I deem this to be an invented lie against the brother Haanee, baarak Allahou fik. *(unclear words)*..I do not warn against him *(unclear words and beeping tones)* ...and I advise my brothers in Yemen to beware of the "qeel wa qaal"⁴ and that they should strive to avoid all matters that will lead to splitting and to fitna and they should fear Allah for this da'wah and ...*(beeping tones)* and that they should unite like one body, if one part gets afflicted by a disease the entire body will share the pain through fever and lack of sleep_and if a problem

¹ Corresponding to 03/11/2006

² Haanee bin Buraik is one of the senior students of knowledge in Medina. He is close to a number of our known scholars (like Shaikh Rabee'). He is also close to both Shaikh Abdourrahmaan and Shaikh Abdullah in Yemen and active in the da'wah in the area of Aden.

³ Ihyaa at-Turaath is a notorious deviant association that has been striving very hard for a long time to split the Salafite da'wah partly through sponsoring callers to put their grip on them and then manipulate them.

⁴ I.e. the 'he said, she said', rumors and gossip.

was to come about (beeping tones) they have to solve this problem with gentleness and wisdom. The rumors (beeping tones) (unclear words)... and know that there are intruders in the ranks of the salafees that are busy trying to tear up the ranks (unclear words)...⁵

1.2. First advice of Shaikh Al-Wasaabi to end all refutations

Things were getting out of hand and Shaikh Al-Wasaabi gave a first advice in which he asked all students in Yemen to quit all refutations, to keep themselves busy with their studies and to let these affairs be handled by the scholars. Shaikh Al-Wasaabi defended Shaikh Abdur-Rahman and so became the next target of transgression from Shaikh Yahya and his followers. In one of his classes, Shaikh Yahya tells Shaikh Al-Wasaabi not to get involved in the fitna. He claims Shaikh Al-Wasaabi is no longer busying himself with seeking knowledge and portrays him as an ignorant man who thinks of himself as being the “Shaikh Ibn Baz” of Yemen⁶. Shaikh Yahya says the people only respect him for his old age not for his wisdom since **“his level of knowledge is ludicrous”**⁷.

1.3. “The Clarification of Ma’bar”

As a result of the ongoing lies, unfounded tabdee’ on the Salafees and the increasing enmity in the da’wah, the scholars of Yemen gathered in the city of Ma’bar⁸ at the center of Shaikh Muhammad Al-Imaam with the intention of reconciling both parties. At the end of this meeting, they finalized **“The Clarification of Ma’bar”**⁹ in which they stated that they had a sitting with Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani in which they clearly witnessed that he is not a hizbee, nor that he has any hizbiya. They mentioned that this affair should not be a cause for splitting the Salafee da’wah in Yemen and they advised the students to continue with seeking knowledge. The **“Clarification of Ma’bar”** was written and signed on 12/04/1428¹⁰ hijri by the following scholars: Shaikh Muhammad Al-Wasaabi, Shaikh Muhammad Al-Imaam, Shaikh Abdul Aziz Al-Bora’ee, Shaikh Muhammad Al-Somaly, Shaikh Abdullah Al-Dhamaari, Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani, Shaikh Abdul Musawir and Shaikh Othman Al-Saalimi.

Unfortunately, Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori rejected this reconciliation and requested from Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani to free himself of those who spoke against Shaikh Yahya and Dammaaj¹¹. He said about **“The Clarification of Ma’bar”** to

⁵ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁶ Please note that Shaikh Al-Wasaabi studied together with Shaikh Muqbil, rahimahullah, in Saudi. He helped Shaikh Muqbil in establishing the Center of Dammaaj. Shaikh Yahya was a student of Shaikh Al-Wasaabi when he was still teaching in Dammaaj.

⁷ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁸ Sheikh Yahya did not attend

⁹ To view the Clarification of Ma’bar, please click [here](#)

¹⁰ Corresponding to 30/04/2007

¹¹ However, at this stage, nobody was speaking against him and it is unclear who was meant with this request.

“**piss on it**” and this was during one of his classes in the masjid in front of some 4000 students¹².

At that time, the students of Shaikh Yahya began writing “refutations” in several booklets that would then be published on an internet site called “**Al-Oloom**”. Many of these writings would later be translated into English, French, Russian and Indonesian. That is how the fitna spread at a very fast pace and how many people were tricked into believing that Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani and his brother Shaikh Abdullah Ibn Mar’ee were hizbees.

During the Hajj season of the same year, the scholars of Yemen¹³ gathered with Shaikh Rabee’ at his home in Mecca. During this meeting, Shaikh Yahya promised Shaikh Rabee’ and the Yemeni scholars that he would stop talking against Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani.

1.4. “The Clarification of Hodeida”

On their return from Saudi Arabia, the scholars gathered in the city of Hodeida where they met with Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani in the Center of Shaikh Al-Wasaabi¹⁴. The scholars wrote yet another clarification to end the fitna and bring forth reconciliation once and for all. In “**The Clarification of Hodeida**”¹⁵, the scholars mentioned that they met with Shaikh Rabee’ with whom they discussed the ongoing fitna in Yemen. They mentioned and all bore witness that Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori agreed to no longer talk about Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani and that Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani has freed himself from whoever talks against Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori or the Center of Dammaaj, as Shaikh Yahya requested. They also asked to end all refutations, writings and tapes in order to bring an end to the fitna. “**The Clarification of Hodeida**” was written and signed on 05/01/1429 hijri¹⁶ by the following scholars: Shaikh Muhammad Al-Wasaabi, Shaikh Muhammad Al-Imaam, Shaikh Abdul Aziz Al-Bora’ee, Shaikh Muhammad Al-Somaly, Shaikh Abdullah Al-Dhamaari, Shaikh Abdul Musawir and Shaikh Othman Al-Saalimi.

The day after this clarification was issued and spread on the Internet, Shaikh Yahya claimed he never promised the scholars that he was no longer going to talk and warn against Shaikh Abdur-Rahman. Furthermore, he said the clarification of the scholars in Hodeida was a bid’ah (innovation). However, this is contrary to the

¹² To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

¹³ Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani wasn’t able to make it to Saudi for this gathering

¹⁴ Shaikh Yahya didn’t attend the meeting

¹⁵ To view the Clarification of Hodeida, please click here: [page1](#), [page2](#), [page3](#)

¹⁶ Corresponding to 14/02/2008

general rulings of the Quran¹⁷, Sunnah¹⁸ and the specific advice of Shaikh Muqbil, rahimahullah, who ordered in his testament that the scholars gather in times of fitna.

A new advice followed by Shaikh Al-Wasaabi in which he asked Shaikh Yahya to repent from having said to “**piss on the Clarification of Ma’bar**” and from having said that “**the Clarification of Hodeida was an innovation**”. After this advice of Shaikh Al-Wasaabi, Shaikh Yahya claimed he never said to “piss on” the clarification of the scholars although the audio file is very clear¹⁹. Likewise, Shaikh Yahya denied having said that the clarification of the scholars in Hodeida was an innovation but the audio recording clearly proves the opposite²⁰.

2. First advice to Shaikh Yahya

2.1. Shaikh Obayd defends Shaikh Al-Wasaabi and says Shaikh Yahya does not understand hizbiya

Shaikh Yahya often uses improper speech in many of his classes and he is known to express himself in a very vulgar manner²¹. He has also made tabdee’ on others for unfounded reasons and has declared the Islamic University of Medina to be 100% hizbi (*hizbiya bahta*). That is why Shaikh Obayd Al-Jaabiri made a statement about Shaikh Yahya in which he clarified that he and his followers don’t understand the meaning of hizbiya²²:

Questioner: *We are from Hadramout Yemen and we would like to ask you specifically about the current fitna.*

The Shaikh: *What fitna?*

Questioner: *The fitna here between Shaikh Yahya, Shaikh Muhammad Al-Wasaabi and Shaikh Abdur-Rahman.*

The Shaikh: *Shaikh Muhammad Abdul-Wahaab Al-Wasaabi is an intelligent and virtuous man, he’s a person of the Sunnah. As for the brother Yahya, he is vulgar and sharp-tongued. He doesn’t consider the sanctity of anyone, if you were to be friends with him for ten years he could easily destroy this friendship in a split second. He does not build his affairs upon kindness. Even if he may have knowledge, he does not have forbearance or wisdom...*

Questioner: *Ya Shaikh we read your first and second refutations about the (defense of the) Islamic University of Medina...*

¹⁷ Like the statements of Allah ﷻ: “and who (conduct) their affairs by mutual consultation” (42:38) and “Help one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression” (5:2) (Translation of the meaning)

¹⁸ For example, Omar gathered the elders of Badr to ask for advice and there are numerous other events similar to this. Moreover, this has been the way of the salafs from the time of the Prophet ﷺ until this day.

¹⁹ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

²⁰ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

²¹ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

²² Dated Thursday the 27th of Rabe’ Al-Awal 1431, corresponding to 13/03/2010

The Shaikh: The issue is clear barakallahu fik, my speech is clear. I have requested him (i.e. Shaikh Yahya) to abide by certain things but he didn't stick to any of them from the very beginning. Moreover, the ruling is for the intelligent ones and not for me alone. In my second writing called "The Critique...", I requested three issues from him so that his repentance would be legitimate. The man warned against the University and then some of his followers followed him in this and are now warning against the Islamic University. They are even warning the people against the University in the West²³. As I said to you before, the man is sharp-tongued, I requested him to abide by these issues, as you have read barakallah fika, reading it is sufficient....

Questioner: Oh Shaikh, we have a group of youngsters who believe that the truth is with Sheikh Yahya in this fitna and they use as a proof that Shaikh Yahya came with a detailed critique...

The Shaikh (after explaining that not every form of critique is valid²⁴): ...It is clear that Shaikh Yahya and many others are unaware of the definition of hizbiya. If you have a store next to the masjid for sustaining it, they would say this is hizbiya²⁵!!! What I mean, barakallahu fika, is that the true meaning of Hizbiya is not clear to them....."²⁶

Shaikh Yahya replied to Shaikh Obayd by claiming he has never said that the University of Medina is 100% hizbi. He furthermore stated that this is a lie on him that Shaikh Abdur-Rahman, Haani Ibn Buraik and others have conveyed to Shaikh Obayd²⁷ to cause frictions between them. However, the day after having denied making this statement and having accused Shaikh Abdur-Rahman and Haani Ibn Buraik of transmitting this so called "lie" to Shaikh Obayd, several tapes came out with Shaikh Yahya clearly saying in several of his classes that the University of Medina is 100% hizbi²⁸.

2.2. Shaikh Al-Wasaabi asks Shaikh Yahya to repent from his lies

Shaikh Muhammad Al-Wasaabi reiterated the advice of Sheikh Rabee' and defended Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani and his brother Shaikh Abdullah. This again led Shaikh Yahya to attack Shaikh Al-Wasaabi with some fabrications. Shaikh Al-

²³ Shaikh Obayd is referring to Abu A'mr Al-Hajoori who warned against the University of Medina during his visit to Canada.

²⁴ As became clear from the two clarifications of Ma'bar and Hodeida, the sitting with Shaikh Rabee' and Shaikh Al-Wasaabi's compilation of the scholar's advice (download [here](#)), none of the scholars of Yemen or Saudi and the majority of the leading students in Dammaaj have accepted the critique of Shaikh Yahya and his followers on Shaikh Abdur-Rahman and Shaikh Abdullah.

²⁵ Shaikh Obayd gave the example of a store next to the masjid because the followers of Shaikh Yahya used this to try to prove the hizbiya of Shaikh Abdullah Ibn Mar'ee. Other 'proofs' that were use by them to declare Shaikh Abdur-Rahman and Shaikh Abdullah hizbee were: a surveillance camera in the library of Shaikh Abdullah's centre, a collection box for drinking water on the water machine in Shaikh Abdullah's masjid, the brick-house of Shaikh Abdur-Rahman, his car and other ludicrous arguments that were all supposed to prove the hizbiya of the two Shaikhs, may Allah preserve them.

²⁶ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

²⁷ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

²⁸ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

Wasaabi remained silent about these lies about him for a long period. Then, as Shaikh Yahya went on lying more and more on other scholars, Shaikh Al-Wasaabi exposed some of the lies of Shaikh Yahya:

And one might say: "It has been said that you are willing to invite... who is it?...Duwaysh²⁹". I say that this is a lie, it is not true. It is a lie, it isn't true and all praise is due to Allah. The one who has uttered this lie (i.e. Shaikh Yahya) has acknowledged that this all happened in the presence of the scholars. And these scholars are living and present. Therefore I say to the students: "Do not rush into accepting every statement". Allah ﷻ says:

***"O you who believe! If a Fâsiq (liar – evil person) comes to you with any news, verify it, lest you should harm people in ignorance, and afterwards you become regretful for what you have done."*³⁰**

And this also holds for the lie upon Shaikh Rabee' – may Allah grant him success- in which he (i.e. Shaikh Yahya) claimed that the Shaikh (i.e. Rabee') said that those who have been expelled from Dammaaj are wicked or obscene people³¹. This is another one of his lies. All praise is due to Allah, the scholars were present in that sitting and they didn't hear the first lie (i.e. the one on Shaikh Al-Wasaabi), nor the second one (i.e. the one on Shaikh Rabee').

Shaikh Rabee' is still alive, all praise is due to Allah. Men are not angels, they are not infallible and this holds for Yahya and everybody else. Every human being makes errors, and the best amongst those who err are those who repent from their errors.

And you all know the lie on Shaikh Obayd concerning the University (of Medina). He (i.e. Shaikh Yahya) has denied having made his statement on the University³². After that, the tapes came out with his voice on it (making that statement). Shaikh Yahya has to repent from his lies, be it his lie against me, his lie against Shaikh Rabee', or the one against Shaikh Obayd which has been mentioned in this booklet...

Allah ﷻ has insisted in exposing this man (i.e. Shaikh Yahya) and in showing his true face by making it clear that he is a profuse liar and that he lies, lie after lie, after lie. And there are more lies other than the ones I just mentioned...

Truly, he (i.e. Shaikh Yahya) has lied and his lies have reached the horizons (i.e. his lies have been well spread and circulated).³³

Shaikh Yahya responded by saying that Shaikh Al-Wasaabi is **"a maftoon³⁴ and a traitor"**³⁵. He claimed Shaikh Al-Wasaabi **"has committed serious crimes against the da'wah"** and that **"he has greatly betrayed the daw'ah"**. Moreover, Shaikh Yahya accuses Shaikh Al-Wasaabi of being the one who enflamed this fitna and that

²⁹ Shaikh Yahya claimed that Sheikh Al-Wasaabi said that he would be ready to invite Duwaysh.

³⁰ Translation of the meaning

³¹ Shaikh Yahya claimed that Shaikh Rabee' said that the brothers who Shaikh Yahya had expelled from Dammaaj were wicked people. This lie was then exploited by his followers to make people believe that Shaikh Rabee' was on their side.

³² I.e. the statement in which he said that the University of Medina is 100% hizbi

³³ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

³⁴ I.e. someone who has been corrupted by fitna

³⁵ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

“Shaikh Al-Wasaabi benefited so much from the devil on how to sow dissension that he seems to be a student of Abdullah ibn Salool³⁶”³⁷. Shaikh Al-Wasaabi, who is Shaikh Yahya’s shaikh, remained patient and did not reply to these insults.

After a long period of silence and much patience, **Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani³⁸** also decided to speak out in order to defend himself and to clarify who Shaikh Yahya really is:

*I would like to point out, to the attention of all, that it is well known from the character of Al-Hajoori that he is very shameless in negating and dismissing what he has said (i.e. in the past) and he has even done this while being witnessed by noble students of knowledge or honourable Mashaayikh as long as there is no recording or written proof of it. No one has forgotten his denial of what was narrated by the Mashaayikh in the Hudaidah meeting concerning his agreement to the Mecca agreement with the Noble Shaikh Rabee’, may Allah the Most High preserve him. By his denial of this, he can only be one of two men: a liar or a deceiver. If he did clearly convey his agreement to the Mashaayikh’, then he is a liar and if he did not clearly convey his consent, then he is a deceiver who has been feigning to the Mashaayikh’ that he was in agreement when he actually was not. How many lies and numerous types of plots and deceptions is Al-Hajoori known for and how many of them have been proven against him even though he tries to present himself as being righteous, pious, trustworthy and truthful. Upon this I would like to record my witnessing on my own initiative knowing that Allah the Most High will ask me about it on the Day of Judgment **“Their witnessing will be recorded and they will be asked”** So I say: I swear by Allah the Great that I have not known, since I have started seeking knowledge until now, a person affiliated to knowledge and righteousness more quarrelsome and more of a liar in disputes and having more deception and plotting than Yahya ibn Ali Al-Hajoori, despite him being very cautious about these attributes appearing to people. But Allah the Most High will not allow except to expose the people of falsehood and Allah is truthful when saying **“ And Allah will expose that which you were trying to hide.”** and how beautiful is the statement of the one who said **“ And no matter what traits a person might have --- if he thinks they are hidden from the people they are known to all”**³⁹*

2.3. The Advice of Shaikh Rabee’ to the people of the Sunnah in Yemen

As things were getting heated, Shaikh Rabee’ gave a strong advice to the people of Ahl Al-Sunnah in Yemen in which he stated that Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani is not a hizbee. He swore by Allah ﷻ that there was no hizbiya and mentioned that the tabdee’ made in this fitna was based on **“personal interests”**. The Shaikh advised the Salafees of Yemen to preserve their unity and to return their affairs to the

³⁶ The head of hypocrites in the time of the Prophet ﷺ

³⁷ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

³⁸ Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani is also one of Shaikh Yahya’s Mashaayikh.

³⁹ Statement of Shaikh Abdur-Rahman written on the 20th of Rabee Al-Awwal 1429, corresponding to 28/03/2008

scholars. He warned against the intruders and requested that all the refutations be burned and that the websites containing these refutations be closed down.

Unfortunately, Shaikh Yahya and his followers refused to cease their refutation-booklets in which they made tabdee' on Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani, Shaikh Abdullah and other Salafees. Furthermore, they rejected the request of Shaikh Rabee' to shut down the "Al-Oloom" website which was now spreading the fitna all over the world. On the other hand, the Salafee students who were defending the scholars who had unjustly been declared hizbees, closed down their website "Al-Wahyain" and quit their defense of the scholars.

3. Some major errors of Shaikh Yahya clarified by the scholars

3.1. Shaikh Najmi comments on four statements of Shaikh Yahya

Shaikh Yahya has been criticized on several serious mistakes from which he hasn't repented until this day. One of his major errors is his claim that the Prophet ﷺ erred in the methodology of the da'wah⁴⁰. He also affirmed one of the Haddaadi principles by claiming that every innovator calls to his innovation⁴¹. He said that Shaikh Mohammed Ibn Abdel Wahhab Al-Najdi was weak in the field of hadeeth⁴² and he made tabdee' on Shaikh Saaleh aal-Shaikh, calling him an Ikhwaani⁴³. After having noticed some major errors of Shaikh Yahya, a student in Dammaaj called Shaikh Najmi, rahimahullah, to ask him about the following four statements of Shaikh Yahya:

Questioner: *This man says that every innovator is necessarily a caller to his innovation, and considers this to be a correct principle.*

Shaikh: *No they are not equal, the difference between an innovator and a caller to innovation is well known, meaning that the innovator is a blind follower in most cases and doesn't call to his bida'h. As opposed to the unwavering innovator who spreads his innovation and argues for it, this is a caller to his bida'h.*

Questioner: *He has also said that Shaikh Muhammad ibn Abdul-Wahaab An-Najdi does not have full understanding of the Science of Hadeeth.*

Shaikh: *Who has full understanding of the Science of Hadeeth!!*

Questioner: *He means that his knowledge of the Science of Hadeeth is weak, not being strong.*

Shaikh: *May Allah have mercy upon him. No!!! No!!! He is not truthful, he has not been truthful. How can his knowledge of Hadeeth be limited when he has authored all of those books?*

Questioner: *He says that Shaikh Salih Aal-Shaikh's methodology is Ikhwaani, that he gives*

⁴⁰ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁴¹ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁴² To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁴³ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

precedence to ikhwani's over salafees and that he trims his beard.

Shaikh: May Allah have mercy upon him, his methodology is Ikhwaani!!! He has lied, he has lied, he has lied.

Questioner: He says that Shaikh Wasiyullah is a Turathi⁴⁴.

Shaikh: A Turathi??!!

Questioner: Yes.

Shaikh: Subhanallah!!! Subhanallah the Great!!! This is amazing audacity, it is not befitting for a student of knowledge to be like this, it is upon him to be pious and to leave this off.

Questioner: I will add, oh Shaikh, that the Uleema have advised him about these statements and he responded by saying **"I am by myself (i.e. independent and in no need of the Uleema or advise) I am by myself"**, then he says (i.e. about their advise and clarifications) **"Piss on it"**.

Shaikh: Uhh?!!!

Questioner: Some of the Uleema here have advised and criticized him about his statements and he says **"I am by myself (independent and in no need of the Uleema or their advise) in the Da'wah"** and he said: **"Piss on that advise"**

Shaikh: Subhanallah, ha ha (laughing), then he's a rebel and a belligerent. Allah is sufficient for us and the Best disposer of affairs.

Questioner: Is studying with him permissible?

Shaikh: No.

Questioner: I will inform you of him oh Shaikh?

Shaikh: Uh.

Questioner: Should I tell you who he is?

Shaikh: Tell me.

Questioner: He is Yayha Al-Hajoori ya Shaikh.

Shaikh: Come on guys, Yayha Al-Hajoori?

Questioner: Yes, and all of this is recorded from his lessons and available on tapes.

Shaikh: Allah is sufficient for us and the Best disposer of affairs...⁴⁵

This judgment of Shaikh Najmi, rahimahullah, was only based on four statements of Shaikh Yahya. But one needs to know that Shaikh Yahya has spoken on many more scholars⁴⁶ and even slandered the companions of the Prophet ﷺ by saying that **"the first ones who had Irjaa were some of the companions"**⁴⁷, that **"numerous students of the Prophet ﷺ were hypocrites"**⁴⁸, that **"some of the companions participated in the assassination of Ameer Al-Mu'mineen Othman رضي الله عنه"**⁴⁹, that **"Othman رضي الله عنه innovated by adding the second adhan on Friday"**⁵⁰, etc.⁵¹

⁴⁴ Shaikh Wasiyullah does support Ihyaa Al-Turath but no scholar has ever called him a Turathi

⁴⁵ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁴⁶ He for example claimed that **"Al Imaam Al-Barbahaari had some takfeer tendencies"**, audio file [here](#)

⁴⁷ Tape **"Tabyeen Al-Kadhib Al-Mubeen"**

⁴⁸ Tape **"Jalsah Ashaab Zabeed ma' Al-Nasih Al-Ameen"**

⁴⁹ **"Ahkaam Al-Juma'a"**, page 305, Daar Al-Sharqayn

⁵⁰ **"Ahkaam Al-Juma'a"**, page 303, Daar Al-Sharqayn

⁵¹ This and many other principles of Shaikh Yahya can be read in **"Al-Bayaan Al Fawri Bil Kashf A'n Fasaad Usool wa Qawaa'id Yahya Al-Hajoori"** by A'rafaat Al-Muhammadi with introduction by Shaikh Obayd Al-Jaabiri, download [here](#)

3.2. Shaikh Al-Fawzaan comments on some statements of Shaikh Yahya

Shaikh Saaleh Al-Fawzaan was also asked about some of the errors of Shaikh Yahya without his name being mentioned. In the following answer, Sheikh Al-Fawzaan comments on three statements that were made by Shaikh Yahya:

Question: *A teacher told his students the following statements: he first of all said that “Allah rose over (Istawâ) the (Mighty) Throne without touching it”, he later recanted from this statement. Then, he said that the Prophet ﷺ had made a mistake in the event of (Soorah) Abasa, he then recanted from this statement. After that, he attributed the statement of ‘Tasalsul’ to Shaikh Al-Islaam and then recanted from this statement. And so on, he makes numerous mistakes and then recants from them. Is it permissible to study with this kind of person?*

The Shaikh: *This is somebody who spreads doubts. He makes the people doubt in the affairs of their belief. It is not permissible to study with him or to take any knowledge from him because he is from the people of misguidance who make others doubt. He reveals his false belief, then, when he sees the people criticizing him, he manifests his repentance deceitfully. So it is not permissible to condone this person or to study with him and he should be warned against⁵².*

On another occasion, Shaikh Saaleh Al-Fawzaan was asked about the claim that the Prophet ﷺ made a mistake in the methodology of da’wah. This was the answer of Shaikh Fawzaan:

Question: *What is the ruling of someone who claims that most of the Sunnah is revelation? He also claims that the Prophet ﷺ made a mistake in the means of da’wah claiming that Allah corrected him after those mistakes. Furthermore, he claims that the words of the Prophet ﷺ can only be accepted if there is a proof or argument that makes it acceptable. What is the ruling of such a claim and what is the ruling of studying with this individual?*

Answer: *This is awful, evil speech. It is not permissible to listen to such claims, nor remain quiet about it. This person disrespected the Messenger ﷺ. Allah ﷻ said: **“He does not speak of his own desires, verily it is nothing but revelation revealed to him”** This man claims that the Prophet ﷺ makes mistakes in matters of religion whereas religious matters are divine revelation. The Prophet ﷺ used to consort his companions in the matters of worldly affairs, didn’t he? This is in matters of worldly affairs as opposed to the matters of the religion they are **tawqeefee** (i.e. his own views don’t enter into it), it is only revelation from Allah ﷻ: **“He does not speak of his own desires, verily it is nothing but revelation revealed to him”**⁵³*

One really understands the gravity of this claim by reading the following answer of

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⁵³ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

Shaikh Al-Fawzaan:

Questioner: A man claims that the Prophet ﷺ made a mistake in the da'wah to Allah in the event of Soorah Abasa wa Tawallaa.

The Shaikh: He disbelieves, he apostates from Islaam.⁵⁴

Questioner: Sorry?

The Shaikh: He apostates from Islaam.⁵⁵

4. Clarifying the roots of the fitna and the manhaj of 'Al-Oloom'

4.1. Shaikh Obayd and Shaikh Rabee' give permission to resume the defense of the scholars and to refute the followers of Shaikh Yahya

Several months go by in which the followers of Shaikh Yahya relentlessly continue to "refute" and insult Shaikh Obayd, Shaikh Al-Wasaabi, Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani, Shaikh Abdullah and others. The brothers who followed the advice of Shaikh Rabee' and closed down their website 'Al Wahyain' received permission to defend the truth and expose the lies of the Hajoori clan.

Meanwhile, the fitna of Shaikh Yahya and his followers continued to spread in several European countries. Therefore, some French-speaking students from Yemen asked Shaikh Obayd Al-Jaabiri whether they were allowed to defend the scholars and refute the websites and troublemakers who spread the lies of this fitna. This was the response of Shaikh Obayd:

The Student⁵⁶: Noble shaikh, may Allah preserve you. There are currently three websites that have been set up, two in French and one in Dutch for the purpose of exporting the current fitna from Yemen to the West and circulating it. These websites are ornamented with general statements of Shaikh Rabee' dealing with the importance of warning against the people of bid'ah and sticking to the path of the Salaf. At the same time, these websites contain translations of a number of booklets that Shaikh Rabee' ordered to be abandoned. They also contain the tabdee' of a number of the scholars of Ahl Al-Sunnah like Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani and Shaikh Abdullah Al-Adani. They say that Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahhaab Al-Wasaabi, hafithahullah, is a deviant. They criticize the **sahab website** claiming that it defends the new hizbiya by which they mean Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani and Shaikh Abdullah Al-Adani. Unfortunately, we noticed that these websites have influenced a number of youngsters in the West who started talking ill of the scholars as a result of what they read on those websites. Our first question: What is your advice concerning these websites?

⁵⁴ This doesn't mean that Shaikh Yahya is a disbeliever or that Shaikh Saaleh Al-Fawzaan made takfeer on Shaikh Yahya.

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⁵⁶ The person asking the question is Abdullah El Luxembourg, one of the authors of this document

The Shaikh: *"Bismillah, wal-hamdulillah, wa sallaa Allahu alaa nibiynia Muhammad wa alaa alihi wa ashaabihi wa sallam ammaa ba'd. First of all, we remind our brothers and children of Ahl Al-Sunnah that it is not surprising nowadays to see people come forward as groups or individuals in media like the websites you've mentioned in order to spread the fitan that happen between the people considered from the people of knowledge. They spread this fitan as if it is a fierce war. You will see people joining one side and attaching themselves to them (i.e. not to the Qur'an and the Sunnah) and other people joining the other side and attaching themselves to those people and loving them and this is from hizbiya. If you look at these people you will find that they are of two types: either a lost misguided and misguiding deviant that has found what he has been looking for by criticizing people that are known for being upon the Sunnah and for protecting the Sunnah and its people. This is what he wants. He strives hard to reach this goal through lying, false accusations and by taking statements out of their true context. The other type is the ignorant person from amongst the wild scum. They get to know somebody and then they love him. They just cling onto him and never accept that any sort of reproach can be made against this individual. So my advice for our sons and children in the West and everywhere else on Allah's earth is to fear Allah ﷻ, to be reasonable and to stick to what they know from the Sunnah and leave all other than that. And we remind them to remain connected to the people of knowledge and righteousness, the ones who are known for correctly understanding the religion and striving to defend the Sunnah and its people, those that are known for giving sincere beneficial advice and for solving problems. They should keep away from the people of appalling and indecent speech because these are the insolents and no knowledge is to be taken from them as was reported from Al-Imaam Maalik who said: **"Knowledge is not to be taken from four categories of people: The person of bid'ah, the insolent person that is displaying his insolence..."** This is my advice to my brothers and children in the west, east, north and south and all over the world of Allah ﷻ: stick with those that are known for preserving the Sunnah and who refute others with knowledge, based upon the proofs from the Quran, the Sunnah and words of the Salafou-s-Saaleh. Do not follow every loud yelling idiot. And I remind you the words of Ameerou-l-mu'mineen 'Alee Ibn Abee Taalib –may Allah be pleased with him-: **"People are of three types: 'aalim (scholar), mouta'allim (person taking knowledge) and wild scum, followers of every loud yelling idiot"**.*

*So if you look at what you mentioned concerning these websites who spread fitan through lying, changing speech, taking statements out of their context... you understand that these people are people of fitna. So I advise them to take the path of knowledge and to keep busy with acquiring knowledge with somebody who is able to teach them religious topics in a correct way that will give the student a real and correct understanding. Also, I advise to keep away from the people of fitna. As far as what has been spread about our brother Shaikh Abdullah ibn Umar Mar'ee and our brother Shaikh Abdur-Rahman ibn Umar Mar'ee and others in certain claims that they are hizbees, then I say that all of this is part of the lies of Yahya al-Hajoori and his followers. Verily he educated his followers to have allegiance and enmity based on his person. It even went so far that they use example sentences (i.e. in grammar lessons) like **"so and so is a hizbee"** to teach people Tajweed and Nahoo (i.e. grammar). This shows you that these people just base their allegiance and enmity upon this man and not upon the religion of Allah ﷻ. This is the path of hizbiya. However, they themselves don't know what hizbiya is. They just parrot words that they don't understand*

*because of their severe ignorance and insolence and then take this as being the explanation of the truth and the manhaj of the Salafou-s-Saaleh. Shaikh Al-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah, may Allah have mercy upon him, has indicated this meaning by saying: “**whoever elevates an individual having allegiance and enmity based upon him then he is from the ones who have split their religion and have become shia’a (factions/groups/hizbs)**”⁵⁷*

The Student: May Allah reward you shaikh. The second question: Are students of knowledge allowed to refute what is being said in these websites with the fear that the fitna might increase in doing so?

The Shaikh: “This depends from one place to another. If the person is in a safe position, he can reply to what is said on these websites. If he is safe and if he has the ability and notoriety to do so, he can refute them and clarify their falsehood and expose their lies. But if he is in a position of weakness surrounded by deviants who are stronger than him, then it is enough for him to clarify the Sunnah. Yes...”

The Student: May Allah reward you shaikh. Should we warn people against these brothers who have put up these websites knowing that some of them are former followers of Faalih Al-Harbee?⁵⁸

The Shaikh: “Whoever has the ability and is trusted by people, then he should warn against these individuals because they are callers to evil, deviance and misguidance who are setting up hizbiya, yes...”⁵⁹

After this advice of Shaikh Obayd Al-Jaabiri to the people of the West, Shaikh Yahya called him a “**dajjaal**”, “**the head of a new hizbiya**”, “**an old fool**” and made the following statements on Shaikh Obayd:

“Oh sheikh, your warning has had less effect than the fart of an old woman”, “May Allah finish him off and finish off all those who divide the da’wa”, “By Allah, we fear for Obayd that he will fall into disbelieve, we fear that he will leave the religion if he continues

⁵⁷ Here, Shaikh Obayd gives us a very concise but to the point explanation about the reality of this fitna. Verily this fitna did not emerge from a disagreement in topics of the religion. It grew on the soil of the sectarian attitude of the followers of Shaikh Yahya. All he said was considered as being unquestionable truth and everything contradicting his ways, teachings or claims was automatically rejected and ruled upon as misguidance and hizbiyah. The reality being that this very attitude is the exact meaning of hizbiyah as Shaikh Al-Islaam explained in the above mentioned words: “Whoever elevates an individual, and has allegiance and enmity based upon him”, meaning whoever is with this individual is taken as an ally and whoever opposes this individual is taken as an enemy. This is the reality of hizbiyah or sectarianism. The path of the Sunnah is to be allied with whoever is righteous and follows the religion in the correct way and to turn away from whoever is not on this way. The more righteous a person is, the more he is to be loved and the more unrighteous he, is the more he has to be hated. The result of this attitude from Shaikh Yahya and his followers is that all the mistakes that the scholars reproached to Shaikh Yahya had to be defended by all means even though some of them were extremely severe. From the severe ones is his statement that the Prophet ﷺ made a mistake in the methodology of calling to Allah. Other errors have been made in matters of aqeedah as in his book “Rulings of Jumu’ah” in which he criticized the companions and lied about a great number of scholars. The truth was explained by the scholars but totally rejected by the followers of Shaikh Yahya. They started arguing with extreme fury throwing the texts of the religion and the words of the scholars upside down in order to protect and affirm the falsehood of their shaikh.

⁵⁸ After this fatwa of Shaikh Obayd, the French students opened their own website where they translated the statements of the scholars and refuted the lies and distortions of the French followers of Shaikh Yahya.

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with this lie. It is very possible”, “Obayd is a lost man and a mufsid (corrupter)”, “He is a blind man who is also blind in his understanding”, etc.

Furthermore, Shaikh Yahya openly made du’aa against Shaikh Obayd by saying: **“May Allah break his back!”**⁶⁰. This all happened during his classes in front of some 4000 students.

Similarly, the followers of Shaikh Yahya increased their slander against Shaikh Obayd in numerous booklets. To quote one example, a student named **Abu A’mr Al-Hajoori** addressed Shaikh Obayd Al-Jaabiri in one of these booklets by saying **“It seems you have become crazy...you little idiot”**, and another one wrote **“You turned yourself into a garbage can that is filling up with dirt”**.

4.2. Shaikh Rabee’ says that the Administrator of the “Al-Oloom” website is a Haddaadi, a liar and an intruder

In Dammaaj, the students were now tested on the “hizbiya” of Shaikh Abdur-Rahman. If anyone said he was with the scholars or opposed the tabdee’ of their Shaikh on any other person, they would regard him as an enemy of the Sunnah, a sick person and then an innovator. Numerous students were expelled and declared to be hizbees for refusing to make tabdee’ on Shaikh Abdur-Rahman⁶¹. In some of the booklets, the students of Shaikh Yahya made tabdee’ on more than 400 students, Mashaayikh and scholars of the Sunnah. Some of the newcomers were told that reading the booklets on the fitna is more important than studying *aqeeda* and reading Qor’an⁶². In Dammaaj, everybody was allowed to write “refutations” against the scholars, even if you were new to Salafiya⁶³.

These booklets filled with insults, lies and false proofs are being spread on the “**Al-Oloom**” website which is administrated by **Khaled Al-Kharbani** who also added forum sections in English, French, Indonesian and Russian in which a number of those refutations are translated. This lead Shaikh Rabee’ to speak out against Khaled Al-Kharbani and clarify his manhaj:

*It has appeared (to us) that **Khaled El Kharbani is a Haddaadi, an Ikhwaani and an intruder***⁶⁴. *He is a big liar. This Kharbani is the intruder who has distorted and omitted my*

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⁶¹ To understand the brutality by which they forced the tabdee’ on others, please click [here](#)

⁶² To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁶³ A French brother who had just left Jama’a Al-Tableegh and was new to Salafiya wrote a 20-page “refutation” against Shaikh Obayd Al-Jaabiri with permission and approval of Shaikh Yahya.

⁶⁴ The followers of Shaikh Yahya claim that Shaikh Rabee recanted from this statement. On October 6th 2011 we called A’rafaat Al-Muhammadi who is very close to Shaikh Rabee. He informed us that this is a blatant lie, that the Shaikh never recanted from this statement and that he himself heard the Shaikh say that Al-Kharbani is **“a vicious Haddaadi”** well after Al-Kharbani’s visit to the Shaikh. And whoever is not pleased with this can call Shaikh Rabee himself and verify this information as Shaikh Rabee is still alive wa lillahi-l-hamd.

words... (unclear words)...He has taken my words out of their context. Had he mentioned my words in the proper context, not a single intelligent person would've rebuked them. On the contrary, the intelligent people would've backed them up. **This Kharbani is a big liar.** Yesterday, some people from Dammaaj came to visit me. I told them: "That man (i.e Kharbani) is an intruder". They told me: "By Allah, we fear that he's an Ikhwaani". I said: "He is an intruder, why doesn't Yahya kick him out of Dammaaj, why isn't he being kicked out of Dammaaj?" They told me: "He is in Sana'a".⁶⁵

5. The scholars of Medina speak out against Shaikh Yahya

In November of 2009, Shaikh Al-Wasaabi made his first visit to Dar Al-Hadeeth of Fyush, the new center of Shaikh Abdur-Rahman. Almost 20,000 Salafees from all over Yemen united in the new markaz to listen to the man who Shaikh Rabee' called the biggest scholar of Yemen. Shaikh Al-Wasaabi gave a very beneficial conference⁶⁶ which was introduced by Shaikh Abdur-Rahman⁶⁷.

In October of 2010, Shaikh Al-Wasaabi made a second visit to Fyush. This time, some 27,000 Salafees attended⁶⁸. These visits of Shaikh Al-Wasaabi were very significant because they showed that the Salafees in Yemen almost unanimously followed the advice of the scholars in this fitna.

Finally, in February of 2011, Shaikh Al-Wasaabi paid a third visit to the center of Shaikh Abdur-Rahman. Many people of knowledge were present and several tele-links were held with Shaikh Al-Imaam and Shaikh Rabee'⁶⁹. More than 30,000 Salafees attended this historic gathering of Ahl Al-Sunnah which indicated that the fitna in Yemen was coming to an end.

However, Shaikh Yahya wasn't pleased with this final gathering of the scholars in Fyush. He called their reunion an innovation and compared it to the gatherings of Jama'a Al-Tableegh. He said Shaikh Al-Wasaabi was responsible for all of this and called him **"The bearer of the Flag of Shaytaan (i.e. the devil) in this new hizbiya"**⁷⁰. Shaikh Yahya went on by slandering Shaikh Rabee' claiming he is opposing the da'wah and helping the hizbee's. He accused Shaikh Rabee' of plotting against the da'wah and dividing it. Furthermore, he accused Shaikh Rabee' of brainwashing students who visited him in Mecca because many had gained insight into the fitna after their visit to the Shaikh⁷¹.

⁶⁵ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁶⁶ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁶⁷ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁶⁸ To read more about this unique event, please click [here](#)

⁶⁹ To listen to the TL-conference of Shaikh Rabee', please click [here](#)

⁷⁰ حامل راية الشيطان في هذه الحزبية الجديدة

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At the same time, the scholars of Yemen gathered with Shaikh Abdur-Rahman on several occasions. This would often infuriate the followers of Shaikh Yahya. When Shaikh Al-Wasaabi, Shaikh Al-Imaam, Shaikh Al-Bora'ee, Shaikh Al-Dhamari met with Shaikh Abdur-Rahman in Jeddah (Saudi), one of the students of Dammaaaj named **Abdul-Hamid Al-Hajoori**, said about these scholars: **"they are shayateen (i.e. devils)!"**⁷².

5.1. Shaikh Obayd asks students to leave Dammaaaj until Shaikh Yahya is replaced

The insults, criticisms and lies in Dammaaaj on Shaikh Abdur-Rahman Al-Adani, Shaikh Abdullah, Shaikh Al-Wasaabi and Shaikh Obayd continued on. It became clear that Shaikh Yahya and his followers didn't pay any attention to the numerous recommendations of the scholars in Yemen and Saudi. This led Shaikh Obayd to give new advice and warning:

Question: *Our Shaikh, they are always speaking ill of Shaikh Zaid Al-Madkali and more especially Shaikh Rabee' Al-Madkali and also Shaikh Yayha. Is he from Ahl Al-Sunnah?*

The Shaikh: *As for our brother Shaikh Rabee' and Shaikh Zaid may Allah preserve them, they are with the praise of Allah from Ahl Al-Sunnah... as for Al-Hajoori then he is shameless. **Yahya Al-Hajoori transformed the center of Dammaaaj which was built upon knowledge.** The Major Scholar Shaikh Muqbil, may the mercy of Allah be upon him, established it upon the Sunnah, but Al-Hajoori with his insolence and shamelessness has changed it into what resembles an evening conversation lounge. He does not speak in the same manner as the Uleema, he speaks like the shameless and the vulgar. Upon this, I give advice to four categories of people:*

First are to those who are in Dammaaaj. *My advice to them is to leave and to go to other centers of learning in Yemen where they will find much more intelligent people than Al-Hajoori who have good character, morals and generosity.*

The second category *are Yahya's guards which he appointed last year reaching to about sixty men, I advise them to drop their weapons and to abandon this man because by protecting this man, they are helping him in his shamelessness and insolence.*

The third category *is the people of Shaikh Muqbil's clan from the tribe of Waadia'h for verily they are accountable. Those who have authority from amongst them, who have strength, wisdom and proper policy, they are accountable for what is happening in Dammaaaj at the hands of this man who has changed its course from being upon the Sunnah, I advise them to raise this issue to the government authorities so that this man can be removed from the Centre and so another person can be picked to return Dammaaaj back to what it was upon in the days of its founder Shaikh Muqbil, may the mercy of Allah be upon him.*

The fourth category *are the newcomers wanting to seek knowledge with Ahl Al-Sunnah in Yemen I advise them not to go to Dammaaaj under its current conditions until Al-Hajoori is*

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distanced from it and Allah the Most High replaces him with someone who will return it to what it was upon in the times of Shaikh Muqbil, may the mercy of Allah be upon him. ⁷³

After this advice, Shaikh Yahya again gets very upset. In one of his classes, he made another vicious du'aa against Shaikh Obayd, saying: **"May Allah humiliate Obayd like He has humiliated shaytaan (i.e. the devil)!!!"**⁷⁴

5.2. New advice of Shaikh Abdullah Al-Bukhaari concerning Shaikh Yahya and his followers

In Indonesia, the Salafees also suffered under this fitna. Just as everywhere else, they are being flooded with these booklets in which the followers of Shaikh Yahya slander the scholars. This is an excerpt of a phone conversation between one of the Salafee brothers in Indonesia and Shaikh Abdullah Al-Bukhaari from Medina:

Question: *We would like to ask you some advice on the fitna that has reached us as you already know. This fitna is getting worse day after day. They send us these booklets (here in Indonesia) and it is not coming to an end.*

The Shaikh: *Who are the ones that are sending you these booklets?*

The Student: *It is them, the fanatics of Al-Hajoori... In these booklets, they attack the honor of the du'aat (in Indonesia) and they give an extremely bad image of the da'wah... These booklets even contain slander against our scholars like Shaikh Obayd and others... This fitna has been dividing the brothers all over Indonesia.*

The Shaikh: *They will have to carry the burden of this on the Day of Judgment, may Allah give them what they deserve... I advise you not to keep yourself busy with these insolent people otherwise you won't be able to continue your da'wah. **The lies and perversity that these people are spreading on the brothers need to be refuted** by one or two brothers who have been accused by them. This way, they can rebuke them by making it clear that these are pure lies and slander and they can clarify that this can only come from a cheap liar who has no proofs...*

Student: *Indeed.*

The Shaikh: *Have they spread the words of Yahya Al-Hajoori on Shaikh Obayd?*

The Student: *Yes, they have spread everything... They say that the Shaikh is an enemy to the Sunnah.*

The Shaikh: *Who said that?*

The Student: *One from the fanatics who also claimed that the Shaikh has become very old, that he has changed and that he's not the first one to have changed at the end of his life.*

The Shaikh: *Listen, I swear by Allah that this claim that Shaikh Obayd is an enemy of the Sunnah can only come from an enemy to the Sunnah. The one who describes Shaikh Obayd in this manner, deserves himself to be described in this way. May Allah curse the one who has pronounced this statement and may Allah give him what he deserves. This is perversity and it is a pure lie, may Allah bless you. The one who utters and repeats this statement can only be*

⁷³ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

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an insolent person who has been affected by fitna. We know Shaikh Obayd and he's not an enemy to the Sunnah. Rather, the enemies of the Sunnah are those who fight the scholars amongst the people of the Sunnah, may Allah bless you.

The student: *My Shaikh, they mention in these booklets which contain the slander of Shaikh Obayd that they have been read and approved by "the trustworthy advisor" (meaning Yahya Al-Hajoori).*

The Shaikh: *Anyway, that person is not an advisor and he's not trustworthy. The one who makes such a statement is not an advisor and nor is he trustworthy, no matter who made this statement. We seek refuge with Allah from being forsaken. We do not claim that Shaikh Obayd is infallible and that he will always be preserved from fitna. As long as we live, we are never safe from fitna. However, we say that, according to our knowledge, we have never seen Shaikh Obayd behaving as an enemy of the Sunnah and we have never seen him fighting the Sunnah. The fact that he issued a fatwa forbidding to study with Yahya Al-Hajoori or to study in Dammaaj under Yahya Al-Hajoori, then this is his opinion, may Allah preserve them. And he has not warned against Dammaaj in a general way. Rather, he has only warned against a specific issue which is studying under this man. There is a difference between this and between a general warning. Al-Hajoori has made studying at the University of Medina 'haram' because there is innovation and because there are hizbees!? My brother, then what is the difference between that and his insults and his slander against the scholars of the Sunnah? These kinds of statements are not befitting, may Allah bless you. It is not permissible to say such words and the person who understands the Sunnah and who respects its people and its scholars would never make such a statement. Laa Hawla wa Laa Quwwata Illa Billah. What is this? These people, where did they come from? We seek refuge with Allah.*

The Student: *Yes.*

The Shaikh: *I swear by Allah that the words of Yahya Al-Hajoori on Shaikh Obayd and on the other scholars of Ahl Al-Sunnah belong to the most slanderous and perverted lies that exist and **it is only a deviant who can agree to such kinds of statements.** The brothers went to see Shaikh Muhammad and he told them the same thing. He even added to this.*

The Student: *Yes.*

The Shaikh: *The two groups that harm the da'wah As-Salafiya the most are first and foremost the extremists amongst the Haddaadi's and then the people of Tamyee'.⁷⁵*

5.3. Shaikh Obayd clarifies more errors of Shaikh Yahya

One of the famous claims of Shaikh Yahya is that **"the people of the Sunnah are the closest to the truth"**. When Shaikh Obayd refuted him for this statement, Shaikh Yahya claimed that this statement has also been made by Shaikh Al-Islam and others. Shaikh Obayd then replied back by saying that Shaikh Yahya doesn't understand the words of the scholars and clarified some other severe mistakes of Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori⁷⁶:

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⁷⁶ Telephone call from the Kingdom of Morocco on Saturday the 8th of Jumaada Alaakhir 1431, corresponding to 22/05/2010

*I advise you to call the people to the religion of Allah. As for Al-Hajoori, then we have already clarified his situation on several occasions. To sum up his case, we say that he is an insolent person. Indeed, he used to be a layman. Furthermore, he hasn't been raised in an environment of knowledge. This explains why his manner of behaving isn't the way of the people of righteousness and knowledge who fear Allah ﷻ. Rather, he behaves like the people of insolence. **He has indecent vocabulary, he utters obscene words and he has some astonishing errors in the (Islamic) belief.** Amongst those errors, is his claim that the companions were the first who were affected with the ambiguity of Irja. **This is an insult towards the companions of the Prophet ﷺ.** Had he (i.e. Shaikh Yahya) been from people of knowledge, he wouldn't have pronounced such a statement.*

***Another error** is that in certain statements of his, he explained Tawheed by Tawheed El Rububiya. **Also amongst his errors** is his statement that the people of the Sunnah are the closest to the truth. He has attributed this statement to Shaikh Al-Islaam Ibn Taymiya. However, after having researched the statement, we discovered that the man is unable to correctly transmit the statements of others. **This shows us that he is ignorant or it shows his playful tactics with the statements of the scholars** because in this particular part, Ibn Taymiya conveys this statement by attributing it to the people of innovation without himself agreeing to that statement. There is a difference between conveying a statement of someone else and approving it. Ibn Taymiya and the people of knowledge and belief from Ahl Al-Sunnah say that Ahl Al-Sunnah are the people on the truth and not the ones closest to the truth. In certain parts of his fataawa collection, I can't recall the page right now, Ibn Taymiya conveys the statement of certain people of innovation without agreeing to it because he mentioned (the opposite of) it in other statements. This behavior of his and the fact that he has attributed this statement to Shaikh Al-Islaam Ibn Taymiya, shows you his ignorance or it shows you that he lies and plays with the statements (of the scholars). **Therefore, I only advice people to go to the center of Dammaaj once Yahya has left the place** and that Shaikh Muqbil's successor is a man who knows how to teach Islam and the Sunnah, an intelligent man who fears Allah ﷻ and who is competent. Unless you find someone in Dammaaj who has cleared himself (i.e. from what is going on in Dammaaj) and who hasn't yielded to Yahya. However, this kind of person is currently not present there.⁷⁷*

Previously, Shaikh Zayd Al-Madkhali and Shaikh Al-Fawzaan were asked about claiming that **"the people of the Sunnah are the closest to the truth"**, they both responded that this is a false statement⁷⁸. Likewise, Shaikh Abdullah Al-Bukhari had already clarified in the beginning of the fitna that this statement is extremely false and said Shaikh Yahya had to repent from having said this⁷⁹.

⁷⁷ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁷⁸ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#) and [here](#)

⁷⁹ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

6. Shaikh Rabee' calls Shaikh Yahya a Haddaadi and advises students to no longer go to Dammaaj

Throughout this entire fitna, Shaikh Muhammad Al-Imaam has always called the students to return their affairs back to the scholars. He often advised the students of Yemen and wrote a book called **“Al-Ibaanah, how to behave with discords amongst the people of the Sunnah wal Jama’a”**⁸⁰ in which he clarifies how one needs to behave during the many forms of differing amongst scholars and students. The book was revised by Shaikh Rabee' and praised by the scholars of Yemen⁸¹, Shaikh Abdul-Muhsin Al-Abbad⁸² and Shaikh Saaleh Al-Suheyemi⁸³. Unfortunately, Shaikh Yahya and his followers declared this book to be a book of innovation⁸⁴ and categorized it in the library of Dammaaj under the section of “deviant books”. The followers of Shaikh Yahya wrote numerous “refutations” against the book and called Shaikh Al-Imaam a “Mumayyee”⁸⁵.

After his return from Hajj of the same year, Shaikh Al-Imaam stated that the website **“Al-Wahyain”** is not linked to Shaikh Abdur-Rahman but rather to Shaikh Rabee' and other scholars in the Kingdom. He mentioned that this website received the permission of Shaikh Rabee' and other Saudi scholars to defend the scholars and to refute Shaikh Yahya and their followers⁸⁶.

A few weeks after this, Shaikh Yahya claimed that Shaikh Al-Imaam said he would support “those who refute Shaikh Yahya”. Therefore, Shaikh Yahya responded to Shaikh Al-Imaam in one of his classes by saying that he will **“make him vomit blood”**⁸⁷.

6.1. The son of Shaikh Rabee' replies to those who call Shaikh Obayd a “dajjaal” and “the head of a hizbiya”

Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Rabee', the son of Shaikh Rabee' was asked about some of the insults made by Shaikh Yahya against Shaikh Obayd Al-Jaabiri. This was his answer:

This is another question from the women's side: What is your opinion about the one who

⁸⁰ To download the book, please click [here](#)

⁸¹ Shaikh Al-Wasaabi, Shaikh Al-Bora'ee, Shaikh Al-Dhamari, Shaikh Al-Sawmaly and Shaikh Al-Saalimi all wrote an introduction to the book.

⁸² Shaikh Al-Abbad mentioned that the book is very beneficial and advises people to benefit from it

⁸³ Shaikh Al-Suheyemi mentioned he hasn't seen a book in this time better than this one, download audio file [here](#).

⁸⁴ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁸⁵ Please note that Shaikh Al-Imaam had already opened his Center (27 years ago) in Ma'bar before Shaikh Yahya began studying in Dammaaj.

⁸⁶ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁸⁷ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

says that Shaikh Obayd Al-Jaabiri is a dajjaal and that he is the head of the hizbiya?

The Shaikh: There are only two types of people who claim something like this. Either a deviant Ikhwaani or an even more deviant Haddaadi. Nobody else would say something like that about Shaikh Obayd. Shaikh Obayd is a known person from Ahl Al-Sunnah and from the scholars of Medina. Many youth have benefitted from him, he guided them to the Salafee Manhaj and we ask Allah ﷻ to keep him firm upon the right path for the rest of his life as He has kept him firm until now. We also ask Allah to make us firm for the rest of our lives like He granted us to be on the Sunnah until now.⁸⁸

6.2. Shaikh Rabee' advises to no longer go to Dammaaj

With all this going on in Dammaaj, Shaikh Rabee' stopped advising the Salafees to study with Shaikh Yahya. Some brothers of Russia asked the following question to Shaikh Rabee':

Questioner: A Russian brother wants to travel to Yemen with his family. He wants to go to Dammaaj and purchase land over there since the land there is very cheap. He wants to know whether it is permissible for him to go there and study under Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori?

The Shaikh: Currently, there are discords in Yemen. These discords are very severe. There are some people who love to invest themselves in these discords. They then go astray because of these discords.

Questioner: Oh Shaikh, may Allah reward you, we love you for the sake of Allah⁸⁹.

6.3. Shaikh Rabee' says that Shaikh Yahya is an insolent Haddaadi

A few weeks before the beginning of this year's Ramadan, Shaikh Rabee' started speaking more openly against Shaikh Yahya in numerous sittings of his. Some of the inhabitants of Dammaaj went to visit Shaikh Rabee' in Mecca and he told them that "**Yahya Al-Hajoori is an insolent man and a Haddaadi**"⁹⁰. Likewise, Shaikh Al-Bora'ee conveyed the following statement of Shaikh Rabee' on his return from this year's Umra after having sat with the Shaikh:

Question: Oh Shaikh, I called a brother and he told me that you went to Mecca and he told me that you told him...

The Shaikh: May Allah bless you, the brother (i.e. the one mentioned in the question) asked me: "**Is it true that Shaikh Rabee' said about Yahya Al-Hajoori that he is a Haddaadi?**" I told him: "**Yes**". He then asked me: "**Is it true that Shaikh Rabee' said about him that he is an insolent man?**" I told him that this statement has been pronounced by Shaikh Muhammad (i.e. Ibn Haadi) and that this is currently being spread on the Internet. As for

⁸⁸ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁸⁹ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁹⁰ This statement has also been conveyed by Shaikh Usaama Al-Utaybu, Shaikh Ali Razihi and other students from Algeria, Saudi etc.

those who say that I have said this statement, then that is not true. So these are the words of the scholars, not mine. May Allah bless you.

Question: *May Allah bless you, we only wanted to make sure since we heard these words in the market on the day of Eid. This is why we wanted to make sure by asking you. May Allah bless you and protect you.*

The Shaikh: *I have only conveyed the words of Shaikh Rabee'.*

Question: *So the Shaikh hasn't said that he was insolent?*

The Shaikh: *we have heard the word insolent being said by Shaikh Muhammad (i.e. Ibn Haadi). However, I don't know whether Shaikh Rabee' has also said this, and Allah knows best.*

Question: *That is sufficient (to us). We ask Allah to preserve and protect you.*⁹¹

In reply to this, Shaikh Yahya issued a 40-minute tape filled with numerous attacks and lies on Shaikh Rabee' and on some of his family members.

7. Responses to Shaikh Yahya and his fanatic poets

The excessiveness and fanaticism of the students in Dammaaj for their shaikh was reflected in many ways, especially in their poetry which they read during Shaikh Yahya's classes in the masjid in front of thousands of students. Here are some examples of the ghuluw of these poets:

"Oh my Shaikh, I will no longer want this dunya if you were to leave us behind. I swear by Allah that if I were to wipe your feet for the rest of my life, I still wouldn't have given you what you deserve" - "He (i.e. Shaikh Yahya) is the Imam of all Imams and the Mufti of the Umma" - "He is the Imam of our time" - "He is the Imam of mankind and Jinn" - "Oh Yahya, your life is a blessing for mankind", etc.

"Oh Yahya, had (Imaam) Al-Shaafi'ee met you, he would've clung to you and given you a warm welcome...Had Yahya Al-Qattaan seen you, he would've made place for you and all disputes would've ended...Had Al-Khateeb (Al-Baghdaadi) met you, then you would undoubtedly have been the most imposing...and had Bishr seen you, he would've approached you with asceticism... Verily, your ordeals would make easy those of (Imaam) Ahmed and if Allah was to revive the people of knowledge, they would all say: "Oh Yahya you are the light"."⁹²

"And when the knees of Shaikh Yahya vanished as he left to Hajj, I called him for help: 'Oh Yahya, please come back because I am desperate'—and I wipe my tears because your absence makes me cry"⁹³⁹⁴

⁹¹ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁹² فلو للشافعي لقاء ودَّ بكم لبدا به بكم احتفاء—ولو يحيى بن قطان رآكم لقدمكم ولنقطع المراء—ولو أن الخطيب له لقاء بكم ما شك أنكم الوعاء—ولو بشر رآك دنا بزهد وهان بأحمد حقاً بلاء—ولو أحيا الإله رجال علم لقالوا أنت يا يحيى الضياء

⁹³ فما إن تواری ركب يحيى مسافراً *** إلى الحج إلا واستغثت مناديا

7.1. **Shaikh Muhammad Al-Imaam advises the poets of Dammaaaj**

All this ghuluw lead Shaikh Muhammad Al-Imaam to advice the poets of Dammaaaj⁹⁵:

Some of the students, may Allah preserve them, have excessiveness in their poetry and this has caused an aversion to poetry amongst some people. This (i.e. the ghuluw in poetry) has occurred with some of the students in Dammaaaj, may Allah preserve it. The excessiveness that they have in their poems has caused a disgust of poetry... This is why I advise those who master poetry to abide by the laws of the religion. One should not have excessiveness and should not praise the one who doesn't deserve to be praised. If ever the circumstances require that praise should be made, then this should be done without excessiveness. One should also take into account the appropriate time to read these poems. Here, I am talking about the praise that is done towards individuals. We like to see someone read poetry in order to defend the religion, the Sunnah, the da'wah as well as the people of knowledge in a general manner. However, when specific individuals are mentioned in these poems, then this may cause remarks like "Why hasn't he mentioned this person?" or "Why has he mentioned him?". Furthermore, it may be that these poems contain excessiveness which they will be blamed for later on. This is why every poet needs to strive to remain righteous according to his ability.⁹⁶

7.2. **Shaikh Ibn Haadi says Shaikh Yahya is worse than Faalih Al-Harbee**

Poetry was also read by the followers of Shaikh Yahya to fiercely attack the scholars of Ahl Al-Sunnah. One sister in Dammaaaj wrote a poem that was read in Shaikh Yahya's class and that she named **"The religious defense against the fitna of the son of fornication Abdur-Rahman Ibn Mar'ee"**⁹⁷. Another sister called her poem **"The unsheathed sharpened sword against the insolent and forsaken Obayd Al-Jaabiri"**⁹⁸

Likewise, hundreds of poems were read in the masjid of Dammaaaj with slander against Shaikh Abdullah, Shaikh Al-Wasaabi and other people of knowledge. Finally, one of the poets wrote a poem against Shaikh Rabee' in which he attacked the sheikh by claiming that he only looks at numbers, that he has changed and weakened and that he has been unjust by using schemes.⁹⁹

On Tuesday the 8th of Shawwal 1432¹⁰⁰, Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Haadi openly clarified his stance towards Shaikh Yahya and his followers:

أيا شيخ أدركني فإني من الجوى *** أكفك دمعي من فراقك باكيا

⁹⁴ To listen to the audio file of this poet and others, please click [here](#)

⁹⁵ Advice given in November 2010

⁹⁶ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

⁹⁷ الدفاع الشرعي ضد فتنة الدعي عبد الرحمن بن مرعي

⁹⁸ الصارم المسلول على عبيد الجابري السفية المخذول

⁹⁹ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

¹⁰⁰ Corresponding to 07/09/2011

Question read by the Shaikh: *This is a question about what I said about Al-Hajoori: "What exactly is between you two?"*

*Answer: "There is nothing between us, what is between us is what you have already heard. There is no dispute between us other than the fact that slandering and defamation of him and his students of the scholars of the Sunnah has increased and gone beyond the bounds. No one has been preserved from his defamation and personally nothing has happened between me and him in any realm, be it wealth or status, that I should talk about him. I was asked about him so I replied **"He is shameless. Why would you go to Dammaaj? To learn shamelessness from him!!!! He's like Faalih or worse."** I made three statements about him based on proof. The scholars of the Sunnah and the heads of Da'wah Salafiyah are discredited and shamed in poetry read in his classes and then he praises those slanderers! So we seek refuge from misguidance after guidance. The markaz of Dammaaj was opened for the teaching of the Sunnah not for the defamation and slander of the Mashaayikh' and scholars of the Sunnah. If this is not insolence then I don't know what insolence is? We ask Allah for protection. **Let them say what they say and want, this doesn't harm us. We are ordered to say the truth** and to speak with the truth no matter who is pleased with it or not. As I said before, there has never been any previous quarrel between me and Shaikh Yahya Al-Hajoori, but when he reached this level, I said about him what I believe to be true. Questions about him have increased so I do not want to say anymore. I know that my words are now being recorded and let them be recorded. They came to me in my masjid wanting to verify my statements (i.e. on Yahya Al-Hajoori) so I replied **"Yes this is true"**. I am not a person who flees. As for the fact that some people have fanatical views about him, then this cannot be denied. Narrate about it with no guilt. They said about him: **"Imam of Mankind and Jinn"** and **"If I were to wipe his feet for many years, I wouldn't have given him his full rights"** and other statements that give you nausea while listening to them. For example: **"If they were to melt him down his bones would change into the Sunnah and only the verses of the Book would remain"** etc. What amazes me is that they say I am listening to backbiters. We heard this (poetry) recorded with the voice of those speakers and we have read it in some of the books that have been published. Especially the likes of the book written by Abdul-Hamid Al-Hajoori titled **"The Betrayal of the Da'wa"**. This poetry is mentioned in this book. Furthermore, Shaikh Rabee' has lately been slandered in their poetry and he (i.e. Yahya Al-Hajoori) said to the slanderer **"Barakallahu fika"** What is to be said of this?! If this is not insolence and slandering, then I don't know what insolence is. So we ask Allah's protection and we will not follow them in their manners of insolence. Not because of fear or inability, but because it is not befitting for us to be copy cats in insolence. I have only mentioned these things so that you may understand some of the level of his insolence. By Allah, no one with intelligence, awareness, honour and piety would dare utter these statements but sometimes we are forced to relay them, out of necessity. So I have related to you some of what is said in order that you may understand why I previously made these three statements about him." ¹⁰¹*

¹⁰¹ To listen to the audio file, please click [here](#)

8. The importance of bringing back our affairs to the scholars

Almost five years after the beginning of this fitna, we regret to see that Shaikh Yahya's followers are still not paying attention to any of the statements and advice of the scholars. The only person they listen to is Shaikh Yahya and other students of Dammaaj who were given the title of "Shaikh" during this fitna. People like Abu A'mr Al-Hajoori, Abdul-Hamid Al-Hajoori, Sa'eed Da'aas, Muhammad Al-Amoody, Kamaal Al-Adani and others were all considered to be students before this fitna. Now, they have become the "Mashaayikh" and "the people of knowledge" to whom the students in Dammaaj return to. Allah ﷻ said:

وَإِذَا جَاءَهُمْ أَمْرٌ مِّنَ الْأَمْنِ أَوْ الْحُوفِ أَذَاعُوا بِهِ وَلَوْ رَدُّوهُ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ وَإِلَى أُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْهُمْ
لَعَلِمَهُ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَنْبِطُونَهُ مِنْهُمْ

When there comes to them some matter touching (public) safety or fear, they make it known (among the people); if only they had referred it to the Messenger or to those charged with authority among them, the proper investigators would have understood it from them (directly).

The scholars have understood from this verse that the Muslims need to return to the people of knowledge in times of trials and fitna. Therefore we shouldn't pay attention to wannabee mashaayikh, people of Fujuur or loud yelling airheads living on some far away islands. Rather, we should bring back our affairs to the real scholars and even more so in times of fitna. Were we to discard the advice of our leading scholars who are the inheritors of the prophets, than whose advice will we ever accept...?

We ask Allah ﷻ to bring back all those who have been affected and deceived by this fitna to the truth, for verily He is capable of all things.

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