

Holding Positions by distortion

Sharia related matter with Imam

People donate for Mosque for its maintenance and development. Giving salary to Imam from there is against sharia as I understand from the Fatwa sent to you before. What others understand is up to them.

Imam's position is honourable. It should not be alike as we pay any cleric. For both the giver and taker of donation money without clear consent from donor, there is no honour and prestige.

Under necessity unless some generous person volunteer, the affordable committee and community members knowingly should contribute for Imams' salary. It should be given as Hadiya or Gift. Not to forget that his real reward is from Allah. I believe voluntary Imams are available if we look around. It could be difficult but not impossible.

From the panel of Imams', a Madrasa should be run and from the madrasa fund Imams can be salaried. That's the way it should be.

More things to consider

-Do those who regard the word "cursed" used for a person who showed ingratitude despite so many bounties given to him, who pretended not to hear the voice of his conscience that witnessed for the Quran, who distorted the truth deliberately in order to maintain his rank/position in the community and who caused many people to be deceived expect an award on behalf of him?

The above is the corollary of many verses In Quran Majeed (Tafseer Ibne kathir and Ma'riful Quran). Holding position by distortion of truth etc. attracts Allah's curse. I preferred not to mention all the ayat here as it would be voluminous and importantly it may create confusion amongst the general people, I am afraid.

In selecting specially an Imam of any Masjid including Baitus Salaam (Huntingdale Mosque) this thing is much important to consider. This is just to fulfill my obligation to present the fact.

'Balligoo anni wa lao ayat'

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