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## **Shaykh Hasan al-Bannaa & Shaykh Shehaab al-Bannaa on Masjid Rahmah in Newark NJ**

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After the class on Usoolus Sunnah of Imaam Ahmad with the noble Shaykh and father Hasan al-Bannaa, I got into the van which was to take the Shaykh back to the hotel after getting permission from the Shaykh. After greeting the Shaykh and his son Shaykh Shehaab, I asked the Shaykh if I can I have a moment of his time and he responded, "Yes." I mentioned to the Shaykh that the administration of Masjid Rahmah was advised by Shaykh Rabee' to leave off Taahir Wyatt and this was due to Taahir Wyatt refusing to write a letter of clarity freeing himself from Abul-Hasan al-Ma'ribee and Alee Hasan al-Halabi although he has a relationship with those who are connected to the followers of Abul-Hasan al-Ma'ribee. I mentioned to the Shaykh that the administration of Masjid Rahmah thanked Shaykh Rabee' for his advice and removed Taahir's name from the list of speakers (for their yearly conference). I mentioned that after that, this matter was presented to Shaykh Saalih as-Suhaymee, Shaykh 'Alee Naasir al-Faqeehi and Shaykh Khaalid ar-Raddaadi (*may Allaah preserve them all*). I mentioned that these Mashaayikh praised Taahir Wyatt and mentioned that they only know good about him. I mentioned to the Shaykh that they put the name of Taahir back on the list of speakers (based upon the words of the Mashaayikh) but removed the name of Shaykh Rabee' (based upon themselves). Both Shaykh Hasan and Shaykh Shehaab said "Allaahu Musta'aan." I stated that they claim that Shaykh Rabee's name was removed by mistake, **however there's proof that it was done intentionally and not by mistake, therefore this is a lie.**

Shaykh Hasan as well as his son Shaykh Shehaab mentioned that the administration of Masjid Rahmah is playing games. I then mentioned to Shaykh Hasan that I posed a question to Shaykh Zayd al-Madkhalee (*may Allaah preserve him*) stating:

*"There's a student of knowledge that has been warned against by the likes of Shaykh Rabee', Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadi and Shaykh Ubayd al-Jaabiree. However he has been praised by*

*the likes of Shaykh Saalih as-Subayme, Shaykh Alee Naasir al-Faqeehi and Shaykh Khaalid ar-Raddaadi (may Allaah preserve all them), whose statement should we follow?"*

I mentioned to the Shaykh that Shaykh Zayd advised us to take the statement of Shaykh Rabee', Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadi, and Shaykh Ubayd. Shaykh Hasan mentioned that he agrees with Shaykh Zayd al-Madkhalee and what are we to do? He went on to mention that we are only students of knowledge and we must follow the Kibaarul-Ulamaa. He mentioned that Shaykh Rabee' is the strongest of these Mashaayikh in the affairs of Manhaj.

He went on to mention that we are to tell the brothers at Masjid Rahmah this. I mentioned to the Shaykh that Shaykh Falaah bin Ismaa'eel (may Allaah preserve him) warned some brothers to keep away from Masjid Rahmah and not to attend their classes until they rectify their affairs. Shaykh Shehaab added that this is the position of Shaykh Hasan al-Banna as well as himself and it is that they will not deal with Masjid Rahmah until they rectify their affairs with Shaykh Rabee'. Shaykh Shehaab mentioned that they were requested to come to Masjid Rahmah but they refused to come until they rectify their affairs.

I mentioned that there's a brother who teaches there that defended them with falsehood. I mentioned that the brother said in his defense of Masjid Rahmah that the administration of the Masjid, the Imaam of the Masjid and the security of the Masjid are considered the rulers of the Muslims here in America based upon the Hadeeth "The religion is Naseehah..." I mentioned that he (the teacher at Masjid Rahmah) mentioned the speech of al-Haafith Ibn Rajab (may Allaah have mercy upon him) regarding not making Khurooj (rebellion) against the rulers and applied it to the Administration, the Imaam and security of Masjid Rahmah. Both of the Shaykhs laughed at this erroneous interpretation and they both mentioned that it is one of falsehood. I mentioned to both of the Shaykhs that I refuted this individual's statements of falsehood and mentioned in the refutation that "The image of Masjid Rahmah is tainted."<sup>1</sup> Shaykh Hasan stated **"Indeed their image is tainted based upon their actions."** Shaykh Shehaab mentioned that, **"Their image will be tainted as long as they're doing what they're doing. However if they repent and rectify their affairs then their image will not be tainted."** I mentioned to the

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<sup>1</sup> Do Not Use Falsehood To Play The Role of Savior For The Tainted Image of Masjid ar-Rahmah Yaa Abaa Laylah: [http://www.salafyink.com/studentsofknowledge/Do\\_Not\\_Play\\_Savior.pdf](http://www.salafyink.com/studentsofknowledge/Do_Not_Play_Savior.pdf)

Shaykhs that the same individual I refuted for the statements mentioned earlier, who is Abu Laylah Abdul-Lateef (*may Allaah guide him*), got upon the Minbaar and stated that the statement, "The image of Masjid Rahmah is tainted," is a slander and it's similar to the slander of Aaishah. Shaykh Hasan stated this is ignorance and this is incorrect. I mentioned to the Shaykh that he began to quote some verses from Soorah an-Noor connected to the slander of Aaishah and apply them to Masjid Rahmah. **Shaykh Hasan mentioned that Abu Laylah in his statements is from amongst those who explain the Qur'aan and Hadeeth according to his desires.** Shaykh Shehaab mentioned that if what he (Abu Laylah) says is the case, that these verses in Soorah an-Noor are applicable to you, then that would mean that there are Munaafiqeen from amongst you. I mentioned to Shaykh Shehaab that, that would be understood from his speech. Shaykh Shehaab said in that case what he (Abu Laylah) has said about the brothers is worse than what the brothers said about the image of Masjid Rahmah.

I mentioned to Shaykhs that Abu Laylah stated in his Khutbah that matter of saying the image of Masjid Rahmah is tainted was presented to Shaykh Tal'at Zahraan (*may Allaah preserve him*) and he stated that Shaykh Tal'at said I was to be advised about this matter and if I refuse then the matter is to be made clear. I stated to both of the Shaykhs that I don't believe Shaykh Tal'at is aware of the detailed matters of this issue. Shaykh Shehaab said, "Of course he's not". He went on to say that these individuals seek to play around with the Shaykh Tal'at. Shaykh Shehaab went on to advise us that we seek the proof from them regarding what they're saying that Shaykh Tal'at said and that we should contact Shaykh Tal'at to verify it because these individuals could be saying anything.

I mentioned to Shaykh Hasan that we would like to make Islaah (rectification) with the brothers but the brothers have to rectify their affairs. Shaykh Shehaab mentioned "However they don't want to make true Islaah with you." Shaykh Hasan mentioned that if these brothers from Masjid Rahmah speak ill of Shaykh Rabee' or have an ill disposition against Shaykh Rabee' it would be as if they have an ill disposition against themselves. Shaykh Hasan said that's because Shaykh Rabee' is considered an origin of good for them. Shaykh Hasan mentioned that Shaykh Rabee' is the one who was a source of direction for them, therefore if they speak ill of Shaykh Rabee' and those whom he praised it is as if they're attacking themselves. Shaykh Shehaab repeated what Shaykh Hasan stated and made emphasis on it.

I asked Shaykh Hasan what was his advice for the brothers in relation to Masjid Rahmah. The Shaykh advised the brothers to remain strong and firm. **The Shaykh advised us to keep away from Masjid Rahmah and not cooperate with them until they rectify their affair with Shaykh Rabee' and rectify that which they corrupted amongst the people.**

This took place on the 7th of January 2012 corresponding with the 13th night of Safar 1433. This took place after the Shaykh finished his class on Usoolus-Sunnah in Masjid as-Sunnah an-Nabawiyah inside the van which was to take him and his family back to the hotel.

