

**An open letter to**

**all the**

**muslims of south africa**

**The Extent of**

**Shi'ism**

**in South Africa**

**A report by:**

**Islamic Awakening,**

**South Africa**

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**this is A Call to action**

**and a request**

**to circulate to as many**

**people as possible**

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uring our second tour of Shaikh Mumtazul Haqq Malik of the UK (11-24 March 2014) of the major provinces of South Africa, in the days before and the days after, we heard first-hand anecdotal evidence, and experienced some sticky situations ourselves, on the extent of Shi'ism in South Africa. Our purpose was merely to embark on a lecture tour in order to conscientise the Muslims of SA on the dangerous doctrinal aspects of Shi'ism, but we encountered much more than we bargained for. We scratched a wound, revealing a huge abscess behind it!

We will summarise here our experience for the benefit of the Muslims of South Africa, many of whom are ignorant of the true agenda of Shi'ism just as we were before this, so that we may all become aware of the time-bomb upon which we sit. Firstly, we must understand that the lightning spread of Shi'ism in SA is not random. It's well-calculated, well-funded, and well-monitored. It has specific outcomes which we can summarise thus:

1. To corrode the *Iman* (faith) of Sunni Muslims from within and to convert us to the open disbelief of Shi'ism;
2. To allegedly work as a third-force in the political instability of SA;
3. To penetrate all levels of society in SA, including the security apparatus, and to ensure that the Muslims of SA and internationally, never ideologically, politically, or socially unite and become a force powerful enough to be reckoned with.

Because there is unanimity that the Twelver Shi'ahs (the dominant sect of Shi'ism) are disbelievers, the acceptance of Shi'ism in our community or being sympathetic towards them will have grave religious and legal consequences on our life which may be difficult to deal with, if we do not act now. These are as follows:

1. Marriage with them will not be accepted in Islam, and nor can cordial family relationships be upkept with them. Entire families will be put under strain;
2. They can not be allowed in our graveyards, nor can our undertaking services be used for them;
3. They will not be allowed in our Masjids for salaah purposes, to solemnise their marriages or to conduct any educational or social/welfare programmes;
4. Policies will be needed to be put in place on whether to accept or reject Shi'ahs in our Muslim Schools and Madrasahs, and to structure our syllabus accordingly. Similar attitudes will have to be worked as to how to do business with them, and to what extent. In addition to this, the Constitutions of our Masaajid and other religious institutions will have to be amended so as

to excluded people belonging to the Ja'fari Fiqh or Shi'ah creed on our Boards;

5. Shi'ah criminals have also started to fill our prisons. A prominent Shi'ah of Cape Town implicated in Hajj and 'Umrah scams, is currently serving a sentence behind bars. Do we grant them the same privileges as Muslim prisoners?;

6. The meat slaughtered by Shi'ahs will not be acceptable, and their restaurants will not be able to be certified by our halaal bodies;

7. The donor community will have to be appraised as to who should their donations go to and who not. Also, our religious institutes will have to carefully screen from whom they accept donations and if donors have a say in the policies and administration of their institutions.

We at Islamic Awakening (IA), Ahlus Sunnah Defence League (ADL), and Darul Islam Task Team (DITT) together with all those who support us, advocate for the non-violent, but brave, responsible and persuasive educational and academic challenge against Shi'ism and all ideologies that fall out of the ambit of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'ah – the pathway of the 72 sects who don't follow the pathway of our Master, Nabi Muhammad (SAW) and that of his illustrious *Sahabah*. We believe that every Muslim should know of the ugly beliefs of Shi'ism from its original sources, and save their *iman* (faith) and lives from eternal

ruin. This is in keeping with the Qur'anic injunction of

*Amr bil-Ma'ruf wan Nahy 'anil Munkar*

(Advocating the Truth and forbidding the Evil) binding on every person, 'Aalim or non-'Aalim.

We also maintain that Shi'ism is not a benign or passive sect minding their own business as do other religions, but an active cult with obnoxious motives.

## WHY WAS SHI'ISM FORMED?

Shi'ism was a creation of the Persians in the time of Sayyadina 'Umar (RA) with the aid of any of the enemies of Islam willing to work with them at any given time in history, to ensure that Islam never becomes a political or ideological force in the world. They are the enemy within, politically cloaked in the garb of being "the oppressed nations", ideologically garbed as being "lovers of the Prophetic household," and currently being hailed as being the "champions of Muslim unity and opposition to the West." They are masters of sloganeering and deception. The

purpose of their formation was solely to destroy Islam from within when the Persians and the Jews realised that Muslims had become a strong military and political force which could not be simply conquered on the battle-field.

Historically, the Shi'ahs have never initiated nor fought any wars against non-Muslims - all their wars have been fought against Sunni Muslims. Three of the four Rightly-Guided Caliphs were killed due to Shi'i machinations, they poisoned Imam Hasan (RA) for abdicating power to Ameer Mu'awiyah (RA), they betrayed Imam Hussein in his claim against Yazeed, they were responsible for the fall of the Umayyads and they invited the Mongols to sack the Abbasid Capital, Baghdad. They broke up the Ottoman Empire by creating a Safavid State in Persia, and the Fatimids similarly broke up Abbasid unity in Egypt. Today, they are very much aligned to the Zionist notion of creating a crescent from the Nile to the Euphrates which would set the stage for the coming of the Dajjal. Presently, Sunni Muslims are being butchered in Syria due to an Iranian *fatwa* stating that whoever kills five Sunni Muslims by severing his neck from his body, will attain paradise.

In brief, the history of Shi'ism shows that its very existence was for the destruction of Islam. We can never befriend Shi'ahs, be sympathetic towards them, accept them as part of the Muslim *ummah*, or be cowardly in pronouncing them to be not only manifest disbelievers (*kuffar*), but blood-thirsty hypocrites. Like the Zionists, they are our open enemies, and should be treated as such. This is how we Sunnis are regarded by them.

## **OUR FINDINGS ON THE PERCEPTION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON SHI'ISM:**

Notwithstanding the absolute clarity of the obnoxious nature of Shi'sim, theologically as well as politically, it is unfortunate that we have found people to still have the following misconceptions of Shi'ism:

No

Common Misconception

Reality

1

Shi'ism is just another Madhhab (School of Jurisprudence), called the Ja'fari Madhab, with minor differences

**Not true. The pillars of Shi'ism are different from that the Ahlus Sunnah Wal-Jama'ah. Shi'ahs b**

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The Sahabah are ordinary people, like me and you, and their lives can be discussed, analysed and criticised.

Sayyadina 'Umar, Sayyadina 'Uthman and Sayyadina Mu'awiyah in particular were the ringleaders in this.

Further, there are 43 verses in the Qur'an which refers to the Sahabah as hypocrites, and it is the majority.

***This is perhaps the most inflammatory aspect of Shi'ism: hatred against our illustrious Sahabah.***

3

Politically, Iran serves as a model of standing up to the West and Israel. They are the champions of capitalism.

***Iran is a master sloganeer. They know how to twist words, captivate imaginations and mislead.***



*Iran has publicly announced its alliance with the USA and Israel, and has issued a fatwa promoting*

*History bears testimony to the fact that Shi'ahs only served the purpose of tearing down Islam.*

*The most important aspect of this point is that many people, with good intentions, but erroneously*

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General Muslims can sometimes understand the Sahabah, practice Temporary Marriage/prostitution, and when c

*Either you are a Sunni or a Shi'ah. You can't worship the Cross, and still be called a Muslim, li*

*Allowing different aspects of Shi'sim to become part of Sunnism is allowing pure Islam to be c*

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Mut'ah is only found in some obscure Shi'ah books and in some "weak" Shi'ah narrations. In fact, the

***Mut'ah is perhaps the most underestimated aspect of Shi'ism. Shi'ahs, in the name of religion,***

***Our 'Ulema are being increasingly innocently asked questions like: "What is the iddat of Muta?"***

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Muslims can not call the Shi'ahs Kaafir (disbelievers) as they also perform salaah and recite the same

Those 'Ulema who call them Kaafir are extremists and such views must not be allowed to be voiced on

Defending the honour of the Sahabah is nothing more than "hate speech" and unity must be maintained

***This argument is diametrically opposed to the Prophetic hadith which clearly states that this u***

**Moreover, Muslims are unanimous that Qadianis are Kaafirs due to their rejecting the concept of**

**It is unfortunate that due to Shi'ah funding and friendship, some Sunnis have developed sympathy**

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**The Shi'ahs are peace-loving people with noble goals in life. The Iranian economy is bankrupt at the moment**

**In any case, Shi'ism has not spread at all in SA, so why the need to create awareness of this issue?**

**There is nothing further than the truth than this. The Shi'ahs are a blood-thirsty nation who never**

**The Shi'ahs have unlimited amount of funds at their disposal. In Ottawa near Verulam, the bull**

**In SA, there are Shi'ah temples and centres being built daily, and most of the Muslim reverts in**

**Further, Shi'ahs are only taught hatred against Sunnis in their Madrasahs, nothing else. The a**

**Most IMPORTANTLY, when Sunnis learn of their deceitful debating, propaganda and political ta**

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The best way to eradicate Shi'ism is to speak on the virtues of the Sahabah . There is no need to cha

Those who adopt the approach of addressing the issue head-on are trouble-makers. They must not be

Further, many Shi'ahs are well-wishers and supporters of some Sunni religious institutes. Some have

***This is the most flawed strategy ever to be pronounced. It has never worked in 1435 years, and***

***Islam emphasis both what to believe in and what not to believe in. Further, the Qur'an is filled w***

***Agreed, there are many other evils in our society like alcoholism, zina, intolerance, murder etc.***

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Imam Khomeini was the only real hero of Islam who stood up against the West. The Iranians are fearful

*Agreed, today there is no political power to uphold true Sunni Islam, but this is no reason to p*

*The following facts have now come to light about Khomeini: 1) Khomeini was not a Persian, nor*

*2) Williamson ran away from home at the age of 13, and ended up in South Yemen when he was*

*3) In Iran, his son, Khomeini, vowed revenge on behalf of his father, but he too, was caught for*

*4) Upon his arrival in Iran, Khomeini killed Gen. Hassan Pakravan, head of the SAVAK, as he kn*

*5) Iran had to be conquered in order to supply the Americans with oil in Afghanistan in order to fight*

All of the above was gleaned from basic research and our interaction with people who are either

clearly confused on what Shi'ism really is, who are not aware of the importance of preserving the integrity of 'Aqidah of the Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jama'ah, who make the erroneous distinction between "Religious Shi'ism" and "political Shi'ism," or who simply don't realise the urgency of the matter. There are, unfortunately, also those who know all of the above, but prefer to be Shi'ah-sympathisers either because they have been paid to do so, are funded and forced to be silent in the matter, or are unwilling to make the necessary lifestyle changes for the sake of Allah as it will entail some loss of position and wealth. Such people, called the enemy within enemy, need to repent and ask Allah for the courage to change before a Day arrives when it will be too late.

### **PENETRATION OF SHI'ISM IN SA:**

The second aspect of our experience was how Shi'ism actually into South Africa. We learnt that we are only awakening to the threat now, but Shi'ism had already been introduced into South Africa from the late 1970s. It has penetrated into SA subtly and stealthily from SEVEN different avenues:

1. Via the Black Townships;
2. Via the intelligentsia, the youth and the devious Sufis;
3. Via some wealthy businessmen;
4. Via the universities and various Shi'ah and Cultural Centres;
5. Via satellite television, radio stations, the internet, the print media and other avenues;
6. Via diplomatic ties and trans-national trade;
7. Via various Shi'ah Centres, Temples, Pseudo-Masjids, and Community Events.

We will briefly elaborate on these points, and also provide a Counter Strategy.

## 1.Via the Black Townships:

### Shi'ah Strategy

### Counter Strategy

- The Shi'ahs have taken advantage of two things in the Black Townships of SA: Poverty, and the
- They have spent colossal amounts of wealth to convert the Blacks of the townships and teach them
- Due to the level of Jewish and Shi'ah penetration in SA, the government will take a non-aligned

- **Muslims should divert MOST of their welfare activities to the townships.**
- **We should establish Masjids, madrasahs, Clinics, Schools, Orphanages, Sporting Centres**
- **Use the opportunity to make Da'wah amongst the Blacks, telling them what is Sunni Islam.**
- **Soften their hearts towards Muslims by showing them our good character, so that they can**

## 2.Via the Intelligentsia, the youth, and the Devious Sufis:

**Shi'ah Strategy**

**Counter Strategy**

- The Shi'ahs have become so bold that they have established traditional-style "modern" Darul Ulooms.
- Using deviant Sufis who have mastered the art of flowery language and deceit, they have appealed to the masses.
- In order to channel the vigour of youth in the wrong direction, they have made the Iranian model the only one.
- Routinely, historical incidents such as Fadak, Qirtas, Ghadeer Khum, the Battle of Siffin, Jamal, etc.

- ***Our Darul Ulooms should start addressing the modern issues of society in a more appealing way.***
- ***Befriend the youth and channel their energies in the correct direction. Also, speak to them in a way they can understand.***
- ***Introduce a course on "Deviant Sects of Islam," and equip all our students to identify and counter them.***
- ***Identify what is true Tasawwuf and attach oneself to an authentic Shaikh or join an authentic Tariqa.***
- ***Present Islam in a non-apologetic, coherent and understandable way to the masses.***

**3. Via Some Wealthy Businessmen:**

**Shi'ah Strategy**

**Counter Strategy**



- Shi'ahs take advantage of any relationship you can have with them: business, marriage, social,
- The Shi'ahs have allocated massive amounts of funds and have used wealthy business people.
- Big businessmen form the backbone of our Islamic structure in SA. The wealthy have their own p

- ***Businesses should not deal with Iran, if possible.***
- ***Our Islamic institutes should become, by and large, self-sufficient, so that we are not depe***
- ***All institutions should examine who is funding them and weed out the Shi'ah or Shi'ah-syn***

#### 4. Via the universities and various Shi'ah and Cultural Centres:

##### Shi'ah Strategy

##### Counter Strategy

- Although Sunni Muslims had a head-start in SA in establishing their Masajids, Madrasahs, and c
- Shi'ahs have also penetrated a few Universities in SA in the guise of "respectable academics" a
- Shi'ah Imams are confident, well-paid, and masters in argumentation. They know how to avoid p
- Shi'ahs primarily use money as an incentive to accept Shi'ism – up to R4000- a person. All effort
- Taking advantage of the free-mixing and generally shameless environment of the universities, th

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- ***Sunnis should make Shi'ahs feel extremely uncomfortable in their midst. They must not be***
  - ***'Ulema should organise more Sahabah jalsahs where Shi'ism is openly denounced, without***
  - ***'Ulema should take leadership positions on the MSA's and lead the Jumu'ah salaah on cam***
  - ***Sunni Black Imams should be appointed in the Townships and paid well. Decent Masjids a***

**5. Via satellite television, radio stations, the internet, the print media and other avenues:**

**Shi'ah Strategy**

**Counter Strategy**

- **Satellite TV and the internet are perhaps the most powerful mediums today of promoting Shi'ism**
- **As soon as any Sunni posts anything against Shi'ism anywhere on the internet, a host of Shi'ahs**
- **Where Shi'ahs do not have independent media outlets, they try to gain control over their editorial**
- **Recently, Shi'ahs have also released Tafseers of the Qur'an, Inspirational books, as well as gloss**

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- ***Our media outlets should confront the Shi'ah menace head-on, just as the Shi'ahs are head***

- **Specialists must be created in all field of “Deviated Sects” who can not only write academ**
- **A dedicated team of people should be set aside to do rebuttals of all Shi’ah programmes o**

## 6.Via diplomatic ties and trans-national trade:

### Shi’ah Strategy

### Counter Strategy

- South Africa has strong diplomatic ties with Iran, and a lot of the oil which SA buys indeed come
- Like all other countries, the Foreign Policy of SA is heavily influenced by foreign powers. The Sh
- Evidence suggests that within our own Sunni structures, people have been strategically placed t

- **Sunnis should be urged to take up Political Studies and enter the political field. Bursaries**
- **Community leaders, ‘Ulema, and businessmen should have strong ties with the governme**
- **Our structures should be scrutinised to see who is betraying Islam or who has been place**

## 7. Via various Shi'ah Centres, Temples, Pseudo-Masjids, and Community Events:

### Shi'ah Strategy

### Counter Strategy

- Shi'ah temples not only cater for local Sunnis who have become Shi'ah, but also for the foreigners.
- Some Shi'ah temples even have bullet-proof windows and underground bunkers.
- During fetes, fun-runs, community events, conferences, and even the weekly Tableeghi taleem,

- **Whilst we can not raze to the ground Shi'ah temples in SA as was done by Rasul (SAW) with the Kaaba in Mecca.**
- **Sunnis who do visit these temples should be explained that their Iman is at stake and are encouraged to leave.**
- **Every Muslim should immediately enquire from a scholar of repute if he has a doubt about the legitimacy of the temple.**

The above account is by no means exhaustive, but it needs the urgent attention and action of EVERY SUNNI MUSLIM IN SA, young or old, male or female, in whichever capacity s/he may be. The menace has to be approached from various angles and by everyone: by our community leaders, our businessmen, women, youth, academics, trustees, Imams and teachers. It's a joint societal effort, and not that of a few individuals. It's a matter of 'Aqeedah (Primary Belief) in which there can not be any compromise.

## ANECDOTAL CASES ON THE EXTENT OF SHI'ISM IN SA:

The following are real-life accounts of what was related to us by the Sunnis of SA. We have omitted names and places:

1. 1. *"My supervisor called me at the university and told me that you Muslims are a filthy lot. You people make us, Whites, into Muslims, marry us for a short while, and leave us. Sometimes, we have to accept more than one husband in order to survive."*
2. 2. *"My two close brothers have become Shi'ah, and they are deeply involved in the Tableeghi Jamaat. I don't know what to do as I can't get through to them."*
3. 3. *"Come and study rather in our Madrasah. It's halaal to have sex after hours for us, and not boring like you guys in your Madrasah."*
4. 4. *"Please you people, speak to the Dept. of Home Affairs urgently. We know of Shi'ah men and women who come to SA for less than a week, arrange Mut'ah marriages, and then leave."*
5. 5. *"Warn people who accept boarders at their homes. We are trapped with Shi'ah students who have signed a 4-year contract with us, and we have daughters in our homes. "*
6. 6. *"In your community events like Fun Runs and weekly Ta'leem, warn your womenfolk not to speak to strangers or to give their telephone no's to them. Shi'ahs infiltrate these programmes, make contact with our womenfolk, and convert them under our noses."*
7. 7. *"A married woman made mut'ah 100 times, and she felt guilty of it. So she asked her priest how to make amends and he said: "There is no need to tell your husband. By sleeping with a 100 young men, you have saved them from zina. Your status is very high in the sight of Allah. Please continue."*
8. 8. *"Don't send your daughters to university anymore. Last year, 12 Sunni girls became pregnant due to Mut'ah."*
9. 9. *"Please warn the people. My husband and my daughter became involved in a Shi'ah Centre here in Pretoria, and were completely taken aback by the Shaikh. My daughter then fell pregnant due to Mut'ah, and only told us when she showed. We had to have the baby aborted and only after five years, she has been able of thinking of marriage. The experience devastated her. I know of many young boys and girls who commit Mut'ah in the Masjid itself."*
10. 10. *"Don't send your students to do Imamate or teach at Shi'ah temples. You may think that they are safe, but they will be converted very speedily, instead of you converting them. We had an experience of it with our top student already."*
11. 11. *"Speak more on the issue of Fadak and the fabricated story of Sayyadina Umar assaulting Sayyidah Fatimah (RA) as the Shi'ahs use stories such as these to gain the*

sympathy of our women-folk in particular. They paint Sayyidah Fatimah as a victim of a vicious plot to oppress her family and her."

12. 12. "Its partly our fault that the Shi'ahs have been able to make inroads here in SA via disparaging the Sahabah. Our Schools and Madrasahs only teach some virtues of the Sahabah, but our children are not aware of the attack of the Shi'ahs against them, what is our 'Aqidah pertaining to the Sahabah, and how to defend them when they bring up the usual few incidents like Jamal, Qirtas etc."

13. 13. "There is a new slogan which the Shi'ahs are using to deceive the people: "Unity is not conformity. Let Allah be the judge of our actions." People who don't know the reality of Shi'ism, who are the majority, are being trapped."

14. 14. "The "Amman Accord" which is available on the net, which calls for Sunni-Shi'ah unity, has not been ratified by leading Sunni 'Ulema. Don't be fooled by their claims that it's a joint working document."

15. 15. "In some of our universities, there are self-proclaimed Shi'ahs teaching in the Dept. of Arabic or Islamic Studies. Some of them are also trying to take on positions in Masjids. Our graduates should be made aware of this."

16. 16. "A prominent radio presenter passed away and we were approached by some whom we suspect to be Shi'ah to start a bursary fund in this person's name. This would effectively silence our stance on Shi'ism."

17. 17. "The Shi'ahs are actively promoting Mut'ah on university campuses. We must train a few of our young girls on this topic and send them to our universities to speak to the girls who are normally victims of this. Girls understand girls better. In addition, we need to be able to counsel victims of Mut'ah marriages as many of them are devastated after the experience."

18. 18. "We must start naming our Masjids, streets, houses and even the cupboards in our homes and pillars in our Masjids, after the Sahabah. Place the name of the Sahabah on our cars and homes. This will go a long way in eradicating this menace."

19. 19. "Nowadays, we must be very careful who we give our daughters to, as the Shi'ahs have a definite strategy of marrying into prominent families in society, or in the family of 'Ulema and scholars. Girls are very unsuspecting, and they can be easily influenced against her own family."

## Conclusion

Every person can do his/her part in creating an awareness of Shi'ism and making Shi'ahs uncomfortable in our midst. Sunnis are still in the majority in SA and combating Shi'ism should be relatively easy at this stage. Let us not ignore this message and a few years down the line, the day dawns when proclaiming the truth will either create community tension, be a criminal

offence, or endanger our life like what's happening presently in Syria. Let us create a cleaner place for our future generation.

## **ACT NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**

For further information or clarification on this report, you are welcome to e-mail Naeem Patel on: [naeem@islamicawakening.co.za](mailto:naeem@islamicawakening.co.za) . “*Wa Ma ‘Alaina Illal Balaagh*” (And upon us is only the duty of delivering the message and discharging our trust).

Was Salaam

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