

## Video Review: Somali Government Rents the Supposedly Somali Islamic Scholars to Extinguish the Light of Islam



Sheikh Obama



Sheikh Ali Wajiz



Sheikh Umal



Sheikh Bashir



Sheikh Bush



Sheikh Fatima

The video has identified these people as notable figures who issued religious decrees against the Mujahideen

Al-Kataib, Al-Shabab's media wing, has released the second episode of the series titled, *"So Leave Them and Their Lies, part2"* on March 19, 2023. Both videos conveyed the same message except episode2 further highlights the so-called scholars' campaign to introduce the notion that Islam and Kuffr are harmonious all fronts. The ploy is to delude those who quantify Islam only with its physical manifestations like a long beard, Islamic garments, etc. They persistently reiterate that Al-Shabab is a deviant group, and they want that the allegedly 'theological errors' to be rectified in a way that gratifies the West. There is no doubt that their initial intention was pure and upright but it was destroyed by the longing for worldly materials, falling short what the Muslims had expected of them and infringing the very principles that they used to uphold. The Muslims see them as apostates and the West consider them as 'not democratic enough', in that case, they are neither Muslims nor democrats.

According to a research study by the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point advises that *"...the U.S. should support Muslim religious leaders and movements that can effectively compete with Jihadis movements... the U.S. could discretely fund the mainstream Salafi figures like Madkhali..."* To liquefy Islam and its cultural experience, the West's needs the so-called scholars as a bridge to achieve that objective. The ambition is to shape our thought process within certain allocated areas and thinking outside the provided box like citing the term 'Sharia' is an act of Khawarijism – a crime that is punishable by death. Islam is not guided by emotions or imaginations, and any attempt to blender it with alien modes will ultimately lead to erosion in extraordinary level.

At the 27<sup>th</sup> minute of the video, Ali Wajiz announces that the Somalia's secular constitution is fully compliant with Islam, and on the same breath, he states penal code is un-Islamic arguing that it was imported from Italy. Similarly, President Hassan Sh. Mohamoud proudly states that there is no safety in Al-shabab controlled areas, and the ensuing clip, he was commending Al-Shabab for implementing an effective safety measure. Equally, Abdqani Qorane calls Al-shabab Khawari, Mafia, etc., and in a different clip, he says that Al-Shabab's Sharia court is more just

than the government's secular courts. They are Islamists who are not interested in Islam; the shouting, the profanity, the rage, etc. are merely pretentious temperaments that is intended to justify the salary, and to outwardly compensate a diminishing soul in stature inwardly.

At 43<sup>th</sup> minute, Sheikh Farah, a scholarly figure, warns about the recruitment drive by the so-called scholars who usually target the youths who are neither smart nor have Islamic knowledge to know that they are being conned by men in search of wealth. He told the parents to be vigilant about this imminent danger because outcome in associating with such people is dreadful in this world and Hereafter. They are under the plan that provocative speeches and rallying the illiterate local militias (macawisley) along with few the U.S. drones at the sky would somehow spark an uprising against the Mujahideen, and they are legends in the making. It would be unjust to deny some of their contributions to Jihad in the early 90s and truly, few of them possess endowments and dispositions that which could make a man noble but the road to the nobility was never followed.



At 55<sup>th</sup> minute of the video shows Sheikh Jama' Abdisalam holding aloft the holy Qur'an at the right hand and the secular penal code at the left, telling the public to make a choice, a choice that will have a corresponding eternal consequence. In this segment, he dispelled the notion that Islam is an obsolete guideline that is incompatible with

today's modern society in clear lexes. Adding that Muslims are victims of foreign interference that is designed to corrupt the social ethics, and democracy as a fragmenting scheme to prevent Muslims from ever discovering their strength under the Islamic banner.

At the 56<sup>th</sup> minute of the video features the martyr, Sheikh Dulyadeyn, in camouflaged military uniform standing under a tree with pride and modesty that spoke beyond words. He said, *"...we want Sharia as the sole constitution on earth and Jihad as a means to achieve that objective or we meet Allah (SWT) as martyrs."* In a tone that insinuated that he knew that death was around

the corner. No one can deny the bravery and the willpower of this man. He unwaveringly chose Jihad as a means to Sharia law fully accepting the consequences of this religious endeavor including death, and he was finally martyred on 14<sup>th</sup> Sha'ban 1437. It is more like a celebration of death in the path of Allah (SWT), and the Sheikh as a role model who did his responsibility when the horn of Jihad was blown. Though the aspect of sacrifice is glorified but brotherhood, discipline, and Paradise were also principal themes.

The imbedded message in the video is: Islam cannot be under democracy, and the democrats are on the move to abolish Islam. Due to short-sightedness, the so-called scholars are imaginatively trying to found a way to unite Kuffr and Islam peacefully in one podium but the history pages rebuts the likelihood of such union. In the early days of Islam, the Arab Pagans tried all approaches to vanquish Islam including persecution, mockery, eviction, the amalgamation of Paganism and Islam, etc., and the Prophet (PBUH) rejected all proposals even though the Muslims were inferior in weaponry and lesser in number. He challenged an established institution with unparalleled resources and at the end, he came out on top with his principle and his character intact.

It was not just poor judgment in an intelligence sense or lack of wisdom in understanding the Quranic verses that made them iniquitous but rather, the thirst for lustrous personal desires seems to be more important than Allah (SWT), the Prophet (PBUH), and the subsequent rewards at Hereafter. And for such people, the best bet is to '*Leave Them and Their Lies!*'

