

Update on the Blind-Following Muṣa‘fiqah and Their Deceptive Tactics



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It is established that Muḥammad bin Hādī made **tabdī'** of Salafis without any evidence to justify this harsh ruling and all of its corollaries such as **tahdhir** (warning), **hajar** (boycotting) and **tajdī'** (cutting off). He and his followers then made **walā'** and **barā'** around this issue and split the Salafis alongside labelling those who do not agree with their unjustified rulings as “Sa‘āfiqah”. They spent many long months spreading and publicising this issue openly online and via social media.

The position of the major scholars—whom we support and stand behind—is that this is *ẓulm* (oppression) and that Muḥammad bin Hādī and his blind-followers have not a shred of evidence to justify the *tabdī'* of the students of knowledge in question. Rather, this is the *manhaj* of the Ḥaddādiyyah, as Shaykh Rabī has described it.

The reader is asked to keep in mind **exactly what has been requested** of Muḥammad bin Hādī and his blind followers by the senior, major scholars by reflecting upon Shaykh Rabī’s comments and questions to Muḥammad bin Hādī just over two months ago wherein he stated:

“To proceed: Then Shaykh Muḥammad bin Hādī has manifested conduct which has led to revilement of many Salafis. He labels them ‘Ṣaʿāfiqah’ and says that they are to be ‘put alongside the Ahl al-Ahwā’”. **And this is tabdīʿ of them [expelling them from Salafiyyah] without any mention of the evidences for his claim.** So I desired to aid the oppressed, fulfilling the statement of the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), “Aid your brother, whether he is the oppressor or the oppressed”, and proceeding from the statement of Allāh (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), “**Say: Bring your proof if indeed you are truthful.**” (2:111). For the readers, I present this critique of his claims which are devoid of evidences.”¹ End of quote.

This is what we have repeated, over and over again, ever since we first started writing on this subject in March of this year (2018) after maintaining a lengthy period of silence and observation upon the antics of the blind-following Muṣaʿfiqah, many of whom have vested interests, goals and agendas in the progression of this fitnah.

Whoever reads all of our articles to date on this subject, starting with the March 2018 series “*Why Shaykh Rabīʿ is an Insightful Imām*” will not fail to find the following statements repeated over and over: **Where is the evidence for making tabdīʿ of these students and shaykhs using their alleged, perceived or actual mistakes and warning from them as one would warn from the people of innovations and desires?** This is the central issue in which the Muṣaʿfiqah have declared bankruptcy after Shaykh Rabīʿ demanded their leader to reveal his “accounting books” so to speak.

¹ Shaykh Rabīʿ wrote an article on 3rd Shawwal 1439 (17 June 2018) in which he requested evidences for this tabdīʿ.

Muḥammad bin Hādī is unable to provide this evidence, establishing that **the word of Shaykh Rabī about him has proven true**, that his manhaj is that of the Ḥaddādiyyah, rather, worse than it. Having perceived this reality, the blind-followers are now engaged in calculated acts of diversion by striving to attack those who stand with the major scholars such as Abū Khadījah, Mūsa Richardson, Ḥassan Somālī, Abdulilāḥ, myself and others. This is because they have been proven to be bankrupt in evidence for the tabdī and tahdhīr and tajdī initiated by their leader. So when you come across any of the insane ramblings of these people, aimed at creating drama and playing with the minds of people, just ignore it all and ask them to answer the questions that Shaykh Rabī put to their leader: **Show us the evidence to justify your tabdī, tahdhīr and tajdī**. They cannot answer this at all because there is no evidence to warrant these extreme judgements.

One should pay close attention to the fact that we are not asking for **evidence of mistakes**, as no one is immune from mistakes. We—as in Shaykh Rabī, Shaykh ‘Ubayd and those who are with these major scholars—are asking for **evidence which justifies and warrants tabdī, tahdhīr and tajdī upon the uṣūl of Ahl al-Sunnah through these alleged, perceived or actual mistakes**. And this is clear in all of our writings from the beginning (March 2018) till today.

The response of the Muṣa‘fiqah has been to deny that tabdī was actually ever made and to declare the one who understood tabdī (which was Shaykh Rabī) to be a jāhil (ignoramus) or ṣāhib hawā (person of desires). This is one of numerous evil revilements made by Muḥammad bin Hādī upon Shaykh Rabī.

This response is rejected because words of *tabdī* (ملحقون) (بأهل الأهواء) and (هؤلاء ليسوا سلفيين) are clear and established. **Not only that, all of the corollaries of *tabdī* such as warning, boycotting, cutting off are openly and plainly manifest in the speech of Muḥammad bin Hādī and in the actions and behaviour of his blind-followers.** The claim that *tabdī* was not made cannot ever be reconciled with the speech and action of Muḥammad bin Hādī and his followers, wherein they made *walā*’ and *barā*’ around this issue and drew up long lists of alleged “Ṣa‘āfiqah” in every part of the world who are to be shunned, and caused splitting and tribulations thereby. This is **pure contradiction** between speech and behaviour and this claim is rejected because it is based upon lies.

After all of this was made clear, the Muṣa‘fiqah found no refuge. This is why today, you see them working to misdirect the attention of people by focusing upon **slandering, reviling, attacking and abusing the Salafī students and callers in the West** who are with the major scholars.

Likewise, they say “Here are the evidences of the mistakes” or “Muḥammad bin Hādī has evidences that Shaykh Rabī has not seen” and so on. Do not be fooled by these tricks and games. They have not been asked to provide **evidence of mistakes**, but **evidence that warrants *tabdī*, *tahdhīr* and *tajdī***.

And in that, Muḥammad bin Hādī and his followers are—to use the very words of Shaykh Rabī—(صفر اليدين)—are **empty-handed**.