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Head of the Dawoodi Bohra Community

PRESS RELEASE

Commencement of Legal Action by His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS}, being the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq and Head of the Dawoodi Bohra Community Against The False Claimant Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin: For Truth, Justice and Future of the Dawoodi Bohra Community.

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His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS}, has, in furtherance of his assertion of being the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq, which is based on truth (Haq) and principle, filed a Suit in the High Court of Mumbai against Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin seeking reliefs that the Honourable Court declares him to be the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq, and to restrain Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin from in any manner holding himself out as or doing any acts, deeds or things as the Dai al-Mutlaq of the Dawoodi Bohra Community. Prior to this His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS} made repeated attempts to resolve this internally, including by an invitation to debate this matter and establish his rightful claim based on nass conferred on him by His Holiness Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb^{RA}, the 52nd Dai al-Mutlaq, following the guidance of His Holiness Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA}, the 51st Dai al-Mutlaq. All the attempts made by His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS}, have been ignored and rebuffed by Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin, who has made several false and contradictory claims as to how nass was performed on him.

The false claims made by Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin and those close to him have resulted in a deep gash in the smooth fabric of the Dawoodi Bohra Community, with wives and children having had to leave their husbands and fathers, women and children, particularly girls being oppressed, and use of force becoming prevalent in a peace-loving community that enjoyed love and harmony, and prospered. For the last 100 years this continued under the grace of His Holiness Syedna Taher

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Saifuddin^{RA} and His Holiness Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb^{RA}. During 65 of these years, out of which for about 50 years he was the Mazoon al-Mutlaq (second most important position), His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS} contributed to the welfare of the community.

Having faithfully served the community with complete love, faith and respect for His Holiness Syedna Taher Saifuddin^{RA} and His Holiness Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb^{RA}, His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS} will continue on the true path (Siratul Mustakeem) of a spiritual and moral life that leads to salvation (Najaat) in the hereafter (Aakherat) and to encourage the members of the community to scale heights of religious and temporal knowledge and education, to encourage the pursuit of excellence in various fields of business and professional services, and to lead a life of excellence in all fields.

To ensure that the path set by the previous Dai al-Mutlaqs is followed, and the community is not torn asunder by false claimants, and having full faith in the Indian Judiciary, His Holiness has approached the Honourable Court for appropriate remedies.

“Since Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin and his followers are unwilling to resolve the matter internally through a debate to establish the truth (or other known means as per precedent), we are approaching the Honourable Court, in which we have full faith, with evidence that will expose the falsehoods being perpetuated by Shehzada Mufaddal Saifuddin” said His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS}.

His Holiness Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS} believes that these recent developments are of paramount importance for the Dawoodi Bohra Community for generations to come and unless resolved completely, can also have adverse implications on the sacrosanct notions of religious freedom, rights for women and communal harmony of our great Nation.

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