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PRESS STATEMENT

On Sunday 6 March 2016, the AFIC Federal Congress met for the purpose of resolving the leadership issues enveloping the organisation and which have jeopardised the schools that AFIC has invested so much time and money into building.

The meeting passed motions of no confidence in each of:

The President, Br. Hafez Kassem;
The Secretary, Br. Harun Abdullah
Executive Committee Members:
Br. Abdul Muhaymin Kamareddin;
Br. Khaled Jneid; and
Br. Suleyman Sari.

The effect of these motions, which were passed by special resolutions as required by the AFIC Constitution is that above persons immediately ceased to hold office.

The Congress, in accordance with its powers under section 15 of the AFIC Constitution also reversed the following appointments that had been made that morning by the Federal Council in a meeting arranged by the outgoing President:

Br. Mohamed Berjaoui, purportedly to the office of Vice President;
Br Keysar Trad, to the Office of Treasurer;
Committee Member: Br Ali Kadri;
Committee Member: Br Jamal El Kholed;
Br Ali Kadri, to the office of Assistant Treasurer and
Br Jamal El Kholed to the office of Assistant Secretary;

The effect of these resolutions is that the persons have not been appointed to these positions.

Elections were not held to elect a new Executive Committee. Instead, a 5 person Interim Committee was established for a period of 6 months with a mandate to

1. Conduct and manage the day to day affairs of AFIC .
2. Resolve the current issues concerning the AFIC Schools,
3. Review and recommend changes to the AFIC Constitution and
4. Organise AFIC election under agreed revised Constitution.

The members of this Interim Committee are:

Chairman:-
Br. Professor Dr Shahjahan Khan.
Members:-
Br. Chowdhury Md. Sadaruddin
Br. Amar Ali Khan.
Br. Dr Shabuddin Abdullah
Sr. Luma Al-Hammouri

The Chairman of the Interim Committee, Professor Shahjahan Khan, stated: "The Committee welcomes the opportunity to guide AFIC through these troubled times and assist in its rebuilding. We hope that this will signal the end to all the divisive infighting. The long term goal is to ensure AFIC is again relevant to and inclusive of all Muslims. In the Short term however, our main focus will be to engage productively with the Federal and State Governments to sort out all the issues with the schools. We truly believe that with good faith and God willing, these issues can be resolved to the satisfaction of all involved. It is not fair that our children are the ones suffering due to the failure of AFIC leadership.

We are just getting our feet on the ground, but we will be seeking to meet with Minister Birmingham at the earliest opportunity to start this process."

Shahjahan Khan
7/3/2016
(Professor Shahjahan Khan)
Chair of Interim Committee

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