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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

FROM ABU AL-ḤASAN MĀLIK AL-AKḤḌAR, to our beloved sisters who strive with all due diligence to benefit in the lessons at Masjid Muḥammad Abdul-Wahhāb. I first want to extend my apologies on behalf of the *masjid* for the behavior of some our sisters—may Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) guide us and them to better conduct—who are ignorant of the etiquettes of the *masjid*, not to mention the rights of their sisters in faith.

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) informed us that when a people gather in a house from the houses of Allāh to study the Qur‘ān, tranquility and mercy descends upon them. Our classes should—and Allāh willing *will*—be a place where students (men or women) can come to learn what Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) would have them learn, in an environment that is not only welcoming, but respectful of the Book & *Sunnah*, and those who come to hear them.

Unfortunately, the problem of chatter, loud talk, and vain speech during classes is not unique to our *masjid* and is all too familiar in many of our houses of worship. It was Mālik b. Anas (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ), the *Imām* of *Dar al-Hijrah* (al-Madinah), who would come to the *masjid* to teach, and when he found a people talking during the lesson, he would censure and chastise them, then recite the verse:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ﴾

**“O you who believe, do not raise your voices over the Prophet’s voice.”**

[*al-Hujarāt* 49:2]

This shows that even during the time of this great scholar—who was born in the year 93 *Hijri*—in the *masjid* of our beloved Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), people sometimes needed to be reminded of proper behavior in the house of Allāh, as well as the circles of learning.

Rest assured that your concerns have reached us, and we promise you that we will do everything in our power to remove this evil, including finding out the names and identities of the offenders and warning them to either fear Allāh and remain quiet during lessons—or excuse themselves from attending our classes and causing a disturbance. We desire that the loudest sound in our lessons be the scribbling of pens—Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) willing.

In conclusion, I leave you with this reminder; do not let this deter you from the lessons or your sisters. Allāh’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: “The one who mingles with the people and is patient with their harms is better than the one who abandons them and is not patient with their harms.” May Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) bless you and grant you beneficial knowledge and righteous deeds.

As ever, your brother in Islām and *Salafiyyah*,  
Abū al-Ḥasan Mālik al-Akhḍar