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Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhe Rajeeun

“Surely we belong to Allah and to Him we shall return”

(Holy Qur’an Surah Baqarah, 2 :156)

Alhaj Abdulrasul Mohamedhusein Rajabali Bhalloo (Uncle Dachoo)



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The Africa Federation Secretariat received with deep sorrow and grief the sad news of the death of Alhaj Abdulrasul Mohamedhusein Rajabali Bhalloo, fondly known as Uncle Dachoo who passed away following a tragic accident on Morogoro Road in Dar es Salaam, he was knocked down in the evening of Wednesday, 3rd June 2020 by a speeding commuter bus (known locally as *Mwendo Kasi*). Marhum was born in Zanzibar on 29th December 1937 and lived his early life in Zanzibar. After the 1964 Zanzibar Revolution he moved to mainland, Dar es Salaam. In 1967 he married Sherbanu d/o Hassanali Pira Khatau and were blessed with one son, Hozaiph who resides in Dar es Salaam and runs his own computer sales business.

Marhum was a Zakir-e-Imam Hussain (A.S.) and a respected Nauha, Sa’f Ma’atam and Marsia reciter from a young age since Zanzibar and continued after moving to

Dar es Salaam. He was also a cricketer and played for Ithna-Asheries Club in Zanzibar and Union Sports Club in Dar es Salaam. He was always keen in training young cricketers and encouraged them into the game of cricket.

The passing away of Abdulrasul bhai Bhalloo is a big loss to the community and to his family, the vacuum he leaves behind shall not be easy to fill, especially his Farsi, Urdu and Kutchi Nauhas he had mastered for many years, reciting during the months of Muharram and Safar will be missed. He also traveled to several Jamaats in Tanzania and other places to recite Nauhas, Mat'am and Marsias during the Ashara-e-Muharram and Safar, he was blessed with many Ziyarat trips of Iraq, Syria and Iran.

Sadly, his death occurred during the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions hence many people who wished to participate in his funeral were unable to do so. His Ziyarat Majlis was conducted online virtually where many people joined and took part.

Marhum Abdulrasul bhai is survived by his wife, Sherbanu bai, son Hozaiph bhai and grandson, Ejaz. The son and grandson both have followed the footsteps of their father and grandfather respectively, they are reciters of Marsia, Nauha and Ma'atam. Ejaz is also a motivational and public speaker, especially for youth, he has also authored three books, the latest one is: *"Oh World Let Us Unite"*

Alhaj Shabir Najafi, Chairman of the Africa Federation in his condolence message to his family, wrote: –

"I have received with much sadness the news of the tragic accident resulting in the death of Abdulrasul bhai Mohamedhusein Bhalloo, affectionately known by the name of Dachoo and wish to convey on behalf of myself and my colleagues from the Federation Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaats of Africa our heartfelt condolences on this bereavement to the family and friends of Marhum Abdulrasul. Marhum was a charming, joyful and kind hearted person who would always be the first to greet anyone who comes across him. He was amongst the Azadars of Imam Hussain (AS) and a wellknown reciter of Nauhas, Marsia and Matam of Sa'f. His passing away will leave a big void which will not be easy to fill.

We pray to Allah (S.W.T.) by His Grace and Mercy to grant Marhum maghferat and rest his soul amongst the infallibles - Chaharda Masumeen (A.S.) and grant his wife his son, his daughter in-law and his grandson solace and strength to sustain this great loss".

Please let us remember Marhum in our prayers and let us recite Sura-e-Fateha to bless the departed soul.

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