

January 23, 2008

Attention: Ezra Levant

Via e-mail (ezra@ezrlevant.com)

Dear Sir:

**Re: Articles published at [www.ezrlevant.com](http://www.ezrlevant.com):  
“Inside Syed Soharwardy’s Mosque” published on January 15, 2008  
“Violence in Alberta” published on January 12, 2008**

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We represent Syed Soharwardy, Malik Ashraf and the Al-Madinah Calgary Islamic Assembly with respect to the above-referenced matter. We are advised that you have published articles discussing or mentioning Mr. Soharwardy on your website at [www.ezrlevant.com](http://www.ezrlevant.com) on January 12 and January 15, 2008. We advise that the statements about Mr. Soharwardy in these articles are, on their face, defamatory and have caused irreparable harm to our clients’ reputations.

The particulars of such defamatory conduct include but are not limited to references to Mr. Soharwardy as a “rough [man]”, “bigot”, and “tin-pot fascist”, and other statements including, but not limited to the following statements:

“... he’s running his mosque with decidedly third-world standards of corruption.”

Further, we advise that the documents titled “Dr. Iftikhar Ahmed Witness Statments” [*sic.*] and “Al-Madinah Calgary Islamic Centre Action Committee – Application against Malik Shoukat Ashraf and Professor Baddi-u-Din Suherwardi” [*sic.*] which are electronically linked to the above-referenced article published on January 15, 2008 also contain defamatory statements about our clients, and in particular falsely accusing them of corruption and violence. By publishing these statements on your website, you have further defamed our clients.

Due to the foregoing, our clients demand that you cease and desist from any further publication of said articles and the documents linked thereto and that you cease and desist from any other defamatory conduct in relation to Syed Soharwardy, Malik Ashraf and the Al-Madinah Calgary Islamic Assembly.

As a result of your conduct, an action for damages, as well as an application for an injunction may be commenced against you and your internet publication. We also request that you publish a retraction and apology at [www.ezrelevant.com](http://www.ezrelevant.com) and in other national publications.

Yours truly,

**FLEMING LLP**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive O. Lewellyn', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**CLIVE O. LEWELLYN**  
Barrister and Solicitor

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