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To the Bhikha Family,  
C/o Zain Bhikha

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Asalaamu'Alaikum

*Dearest Bhikha Family,*

Heartfelt Condolences on the Passing of Prof Rashid Bhikha

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Management, and Ambassadors of Awqaf South Africa, we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of your beloved father and grandfather, Prof Rashid Bhikha. The news of his passing has brought profound sorrow to our hearts and a sense of loss to our community.

Prof Rashid Bhikha was a visionary and a pioneer in the field of traditional medicine. As the founder of the Ibn Sina Institute of Tibb in South Africa, he revolutionized the approach to health and wellness in our region. His journey began in 1969 as a dedicated pharmacist, and his commitment to exploring and understanding different health therapies worldwide, especially after a personal life trauma, led to the introduction of Tibb in South Africa in 1997. His remarkable initiative in starting the training of Unani-Tibb at the School of Natural Medicine at the University of the Western Cape in 2003 has been a significant milestone in the history of natural medicine in our country.

Prof Bhikha's influence extended beyond his academic and professional achievements. He was a true humanitarian, passionately committed to improving not only the health of people but also contributing to the socio-economic betterment of the vulnerable in our community. His extensive work, including the many papers presented at International and National Conferences and the numerous books he authored, reflects a life dedicated to serving others through knowledge and compassion.



We were deeply saddened to receive the news of his passing. We sincerely pray to Allah ﷻ to grant Prof Bhikha a place amongst the righteous in Paradise. *“But those who believe and do deeds of righteousness, We shall soon admit them to gardens, with rivers flowing beneath, to dwell therein forever. Allah’s promise is the truth, and whose word can be truer than Allah’s?”* [Quran 4:122]

His legacy of raising you, his children, as conscious servant leaders is a testament to his fulfilment of a noble duty. We understand that his loss has created an irreplaceable void, and we pray that Allah grants you and your family patience and contentment in accepting HIS ﷻ decree.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May Allah ﷻ grant Prof Bhikha the highest ranks in Jannah and provide solace and strength to you and your family.

With our deepest sympathy and assurance of our highest consideration,



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