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**CONDOLENCES – PASSING ON OF FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND GUARDIAN FATHER, DR RASHID BHIKHA.**

Respected Br. Zain Bhikha

Assalamualaykum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatu.

This communication is prefaced with dua for you and your familys' well-being and peace of mind, Ameen.

We have not communicated for a long time and this communication should have reached you some time ago. My most sincere apologies.

It is with great sadness that IPSA has learned of the passing on of your beloved father, Dr Rashid Bhikha. Your father's passing on has left a vacuum in so many of our communities, one which will be very difficult to fill. We join many thousands in mourning the loss of a profound leader, community activist, family man, philanthropist, and highly acclaimed academic. Al Marhoom's special interest in the prophetic healing practice of Tibb e Nabawi has provided Shifaa for countless people across the globe.

Al Marhoom's philanthropic legacy and his highly respected contribution to the establishment and recognition of Unani Tibb will remain at the forefront of his illustrious legacy of generosity. On a personal note, I was privileged to be the Programme Director at the launch of the Tibb Institute in Surrey Estate where Premier Ebrahim Rasool delivered the keynote.

IPSA has also been highly privileged to receive funding for student scholarships from the Bhikha Foundation. In perusing the Bhikha Foundation's emphasis on education, over the years, countless students have graduated through the gracious contributions of the foundation. IPSA will always remain highly appreciative and deeply grateful. The Bhikha legacy remains firmly in the continuum.

It is our sincere dua that Allah Almighty grants Al Marhoom a maqam of Jannatul Firdaus of the highest. May Allah Almighty generously forgive all of Al Marhoom's shortcomings. May the countless beautiful memories

and Ahlaaq of your (our) beloved father serve as a beacon of hope for humanity. May Allah Almighty grant solace to the family through the countless beautiful memories, Ameen.

The doors of IPSA await a courtesy visit when you are in the Mother City. We look forward to hosting you and showcasing The Bhikha Family's legacy of education and learning.

Please be assured of our highest consideration and respect. Kindly share IPSA's condolences with the entire Bhikha family and extended family.

Jazakallah Khairan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Taj Akleker', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Taj Akleker

(on behalf of the IPSA Board, Lecturers, Admin Staff, and students.)