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Bosniak Educational and Cultural Organization
12338 SE Foster Rd.
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Re: *Bosniak Educational and Cultural Organization*
Letter about recent statements

Assalamu alaikum,
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Bismillah. I write you as an attorney and your brother in faith in Islam. Recently I learned that there are people making false statements about the Bosniak Educational and Cultural Organization (BECO) and its leaders. Those same people have also attacked the Imam personally as well as questioned his authority in the Muslim community.

Let me describe what the law in Oregon and Washington says about making false statements about others.

"If anyone has ever said or written anything bad about you, you may have wondered if you could sue that person for doing so. "Defamation" is the legal word for some kinds of false statements. Libel and slander are two forms of defamation.

Defamation is defined as a false statement communicated to another person that damages your reputation. Libel is communicating a defamatory statement by writing or picture, while slander is defamation by oral or spoken communication."

http://www.osbar.org/public/legalinfo/1186_LibelSlander.htm Accessed March 18, 2015.

For the sake of peace in the *Ummah* and mutual respect, I encourage those making these statements to stop unless they confirm the truth of the matter. Seek the truth by consulting face-to-face with the people who you are making statements about. Beyond state law, slander is also a major offense in Islam; this matter deserves the serious attention of everyone involved.

Sincerely,

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