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Date: 16 March 2010

Dear Mr Toube

Re: George Galloway –v- Mr David Toube

We have been instructed to act for Mr George Galloway MP in relation to the above matter.

Our client is a former Trustee of the Charity Viva Palestina and remains heavily involved in activities relating to the same. He is well-recognised by the public as the “face” of Viva Palestina. We refer to your comment on the website www.socialistunity.com. On 24 February 2010 at 3.36 pm you wrote the following:

“I could have sworn that the Hamas fundraising operation, Viva Palestina, included the following quote from the Hamas Covenant on its T shirts.

The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Muslim, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him. Only the Gharkad tree, (evidently a certain kind of tree) would not do that because it is one of the trees of the Jews.

That would have been an honest way to advertise their activities.

An easy mistake to make, I think you'll agree”.

The above statement will be referred to hereinafter as “**the Comment**”. A copy of the same is enclosed for your attention.

Our client was a prominent and well-known Trustee of Viva Palestina and retains a strong association to the same. Therefore, by referring to Viva Palestina you have made reference to our client.

Meaning

Our client understands this to mean that:

- The charity of which was a trustee, and to which he strongly associated, raises funds for Hamas.
- The charity is misleading the public as to the use of the funds.
- The charity is selling t-shirts carrying the inflammatory and racist slogan above.

Please note that the Comment is false and that our client is shocked and disturbed that you would refer to Viva Palestina and by association himself in this way.

Reputation

Our client has a reputation that spans decades and is well-respected for a wide range of matters. Please note that our client:

1. Has been a Member of Parliament since 1987 and is a well-established Politician.
2. Has successfully proved his point in Defamation trials in the High Court that he is consistently anti-racist and not remotely anti-Semitic.
3. Undertakes a wide range of charitable work.
4. Is a well-known presenter on radio and television.
5. Is a published Writer.
6. Is an internationally recognised figure.

As a result of the Comment, you have damaged our client's reputation and in light of the above, you have defamed our client.

We have advised our client that he has a strong claim for defamation in the High Court in London. Notwithstanding the above, our client has instructed us to settle the above matter of the following terms:

1. Publication of an apology providing of which to be agreed.
2. Claimant in damages to our client in the sum of £50,000.

3. Legal costs to be access at the time of settlement.
4. A Deletion of the Comment on the website.

We look forward to hearing from you by close of business on **30 March 2010**. In the event that we do not hear from you by this date we have instructions to proceed to issue a claim without further notice.

Yours faithfully



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24 February, 2010

TOWER HAMLETS LABOUR COUNCILLOR DEFECTS TO TORIES

Filed under: [Tower Hamlets](#), [Labour Party](#) — Andy Newman @ 9:43 am

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Comment by David T — 24 February, 2010 @ [3:26 pm](#)

APOLOGY

On 24 February 2010, I commented on the website www.socialistunity.com that Viva Palestina, the Charity of which George Galloway was a Trustee, is a "*Hamas fundraising operation*" and that it sold t-shirts bearing a quote from the Hamas Covenant. I now acknowledge that this is false and that neither Mr Ovenden nor Viva Palestina is connected to Hamas in any way. I apologise for any distress or embarrassment that I have caused.