

Enhancing Relationships 2

[Letter 1A]: Impeachment letter¹

The entire community of Pita wrote this letter.

Peace be upon you, dear relatives. Praise be to Allah Who granted Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing upon him, the possibility to clearly express himself. That said, it is the entire community of Pita, i.e., all the twelve subdivisions who met, discussed, and agreed to write you this document. Please receive our greetings from relatives who share the same values. We are sharing with you this message to be relayed to all communities up to the farthest villages. EO, son of ESP, has excluded himself from the Pita community of men and women. Therefore, the whole community of Pita, consisting of the twelve subdivisions, has discussed and unanimously agreed that we no longer want EO! Let no one invite him to any event. He should no longer attend any community meeting in all of Pita. Therefore, anyone who invites him to a ceremony or attends a ceremony in his presence will be regarded as someone who is not from the community of Pita, be they young, adult, man or woman. In fact, what explains this decision is that he took his weapon and intentionally shot a person unjustly. As written in the Quran: "It is not for a believer to kill another believer, unless by mistake. (...) Anyone who kills a believer purposefully, his reward is eternal Hell. Allah's wrath is against him, and He has cursed him and has reserved him a great punishment."² Furthermore, on the holiday of Tabaski (‘Īd al-Aḏḩā), of this year nineteen ninety-four (1994), the entire community of Pita came for the ‘Īd³ prayer at the usual place, then came EO who refused to sit at his reserved place. He, EO, sat on the side, and demanded that the minbar⁴ be moved before him. Then the minbar was moved on the side, before him, which prevented many people from doing their ‘Īd

¹ Some names in this text are initialed to keep them anonymous.

² Q 4:92-93.

³ This holiday marks the end of the month of the fasting month of Ramadan.

⁴ The minbar is the place where the imam delivers his sermon during the Friday prayer or after the ‘Īd prayer.

prayers there. God, the Almighty has said: "Who does greater wrong than he who forbids the name of Allah be mentioned in the mosques and strives for their ruin. As for such people, they should not enter, except in fear. (...). These are the orders of Allah. Transgress them not. For those who transgress Allah's orders are wrongdoers."⁵ So, we have informed you of his offenses and there are many things we have not yet told you about. We have informed you about the offenses of EO, son of ES. Therefore, we are under the obligation to share this document with every human being, with every member of our Umma (Muslim community). We implore anyone who receives this document to read it and relay it, for information purposes, to all adults and to the youth. This document is signed by the following (12) twelve subdivisions of Pita: Pita Centre, Timbi Tunni, Timbi Madina, Sintaali, Bantiguel, Bourwal Tappe, Ngongoore, Ninguilande, Sangareyaa, Ley Miïro, and Dogotoulma. May the peace and blessings of this world and the hereafter be upon you!

[Letter 1 B]

Pita Centre	(Signature)	Ngongooré	(Signature)
Timbi Tunni	(Signature)	Massi	(Signature)
Timbi Madina	(Signature)	Ninguilandé	(Signature)
Sintaali	(Signature)	Sangaréya	(Signature)
Bantiguel	(Signature)	Ley Miïro	(Signature)
Bourwal Tappé	(Signature)	Dogoltouma	(Signature)

⁵ Q 2:114-229.

[Letter 2]

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. May Allah's blessing be upon our master Muhammad, the truthful prophet, and upon his family, and may peace be upon them.

This message is meant for all Muslims, men and women. This document is from Cheikh Ahmadou Fall who is informing people about an urgent matter. To all the men and women, Cheikh Ahmadou Fall declares that these words are from our Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him. This document contains a revelation he received in his sleep, and he wishes to share it with all Muslims. One day, he was reading Allah's Holy Quran. After he finished his reading, he fell asleep and during his sleep he saw our Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him, who came to him and told him these words: "This Friday five thousand people died and none of them entered paradise." Our Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him, who was visibly upset said: "Since my passing, most Muslims no longer practice their religion as they should. The strong do not help the weak anymore. The rich no longer help the poor. Wives no longer respect their husbands' words. Those who attend ceremonies, no longer organize them according to the rules. Wealthy people do not give zakat anymore (mandatory charity) as recommended. Children no longer listen to their parents." Our Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him, told Cheikh Ahmadou to tell us the time has come⁶ and that shortly a star will appear, and everyone will see the sunrise near their head. Our Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him, said: "Any Muslim who has faith in this should do their best to inform the Muslim community. Whoever believes and shares the message, Allah will forgive him and his family [their sins]." Cheikh Ahmadou has said that if he is lying about his dream, may Allah and his prophet banish him from the Muslim community. The Prophet said: "All Muslims, men and women, should strive as much as they can to purify their

⁶ He is alluding to the end of the world (the apocalypse).

religious practices, and to follow the straight path as recommended by the Quran. Let everyone help their neighbor according to their means, and that everyone fast every Monday. Whoever receives this document can make thirty or twenty copies and hand them out to Muslims. Whoever does it will see within fourteen days something he has never seen before from Allah. He will be rewarded. This document, no one should keep it for themselves. Anyone who receives it and reads it, let them make the maximum copies possible and hand them out to Muslim communities so that they can stop their bad practices. Cheikh Ahmadou has said: "Someone named Oufissi was once visiting Mecca and when he saw this document, he made copies and handed them out to Muslims. After that, Allah opened him the gates of wealth. He received three hundred fifty thousand dinars. This is the equivalent of nineteen million CFA [West African francs]. Another man named Kuuri Yanaa made 20 copies of the document for his employee to hand out to his relatives. Six days later, he had a promotion at his work. Also, another man named Aslata had received the document and had forgotten to make copies to hand out to Muslims. A short time afterwards, he lost his job. When he recalled that he had the document, he made 20 copies that he handed out to Muslims. He was called back at his job and was promoted to a higher position than before. Another man named Saliou Seck had received the document and did not take it seriously. When he read it, he tore it apart and threw it away. Seven days later, he died of a horrible death. This document, no one should keep it for themselves. When one receives it, one should read it, make several copies, and share them with Muslims around the world. This is what our Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him, has recommended.

May Allah's blessing be upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon his family and companions.
May peace be upon all of them!

[Letter 3]

Allah suffices us, He is our best guarantor.⁷

Written by MSD, Bourouwal Hamaare,⁸ and addressed to EMBS. Please receive my best greetings. I wanted to see if you are well? We are well here! I send greetings to my uncle MB, Karamoko (Quranic teacher). I send greetings to ASB. I send greetings to AMB. I also send greetings to EHB Bomboli. I send greetings to Mr. A. Hoore Boundou. I send greetings to Mr. M. Alfayol. I send greetings to O. Ledde Hadde Senkande.⁹ I send greetings to O. I send greetings to Mr. S. Ledde Hadde Hoore Maasi. I send greetings to everyone, without distinction. I humbly solicit your prayers. I am seeking your help, please, for the sake of Allah.

May peace be upon you!

⁷ Names in this text are referred to by their initials to keep them anonymous.

⁸ Name of his village of origin.

⁹ Name of his village of origin.

[Letter 4]

[Seal: Dahiratul Mustarchidina wal Mustarchidaty]

May peace be upon you EMB Hoore Maasi.¹⁰ It is I, EMB and Mr. A. Hoore Boddo who are the authors of this letter. I am informing you about the arrival of the elder B so that we can help him financially. [Please give him] five thousand francs (5000 francs) until the end of the month. If you can afford it, please help him. May peace be upon you!

[Signature]

[Seal: Dahiratul Mustarchidina wal Mustarchidaty]

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[Letter 5]

[Seal: Dahiratul Moustarchidina wal Moustarchidaty]

May peace be upon you EMB Hoore Maasi.¹¹ It is me, Mr. A. Hoore Boddo, who sends you greetings. I would like you to lend me some money, specifically ten thousand francs (10000 francs) of what Elder B received, if it is available, until the fifteenth of next November. May peace be upon you.

Signature

[Seal: Dahiratul Mustarchidina wal Moustarchidaty]

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[Letter 6 A]

Letter from MS of the community of Keeriiwel S.¹² May blessing and peace be upon you, my brother, EMBS, Felo Fala Hoore Maasi. I am writing so that we can hear from each other.

Everything is fine in Fuuta. I am informing you that TAS Dajel asked our daughter to marry his son, who lives with him. We have been mandated by our paternal family in Keeriiwel to accept and marry [the girl]. I went to Fouroufara,¹³ to your home. We met there with the folks of Dajel.¹⁴ We have honored them, and they greeted us with the dowry: a multicolored breeding cow. That is it. It is in your honor. May peace be upon you. On a different note, EMB, last year, I sent someone to see you three times to send me sugar for the fasting month of Ramadan.¹⁵ I have not received anything yet. This year too, the month of Ramadan

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is approaching, God willing. May we get there peacefully. Please send me sugar for my fast in the month of Ramadan. Now, I spent the month of Ramadan only in Fuuta. Therefore, I am expecting you to give [the sugar for the month of Ramadan] to someone who will bring it to me. Okay? Peace be upon you!

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¹³ Name of his village.

¹⁴ Name of the village of the man who came to marry the girl.

¹⁵ At the beginning of Ramadan, gifts are offered to the elder people. These gifts are commonly called *the sugar of the month of Ramadan*, even though it is not always in the form of sugar. But it is usually sugar or money offered to older men and women to support them during the month of Ramadan. This form of assistance is a widespread tradition amongst Muslims in West Africa.

[Letter 7]

From TBS to Mister Generous, EMB.¹⁶ I send you greetings and I send greetings to the entire community there. The community here, as far as I know, is doing well. My daughter went there. I heard that you are neighbors. Her name is MB. A young man from Balaga named Mr. S. is her husband. Therefore, it is Allah who entrusted her to you. He is the One who sent her to your home (next to you). You know that now children from Gongoore¹⁷ lack discipline. So, I implore you to look after her. Let her know that she is your daughter, if you please. Do not let her misbehave before her husband and neighbors, which will bring shame to us, if you please. I am truly very happy to learn that she is at your home, that God took her there. This is what I wanted to say to you. Blessing and peace.

Gongoore Masdjide, Thursday, Safar 2 (07-18-96). The end!

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¹⁷ Name of the village.