

## Reactie Maktoum Foundation

- The Maktoum Foundation financed the Essalam Mosque in Rotterdam. How much did the foundation pay?

***Records of all expenditures are of course kept, and are transparent for the relevant authorities. The AI Maktoum Foundation does not provide information to media about the exact budgets spent on individual projects.***

- Why did the Maktoum Foundation finance the mosque in Rotterdam?

***The AI Maktoum Foundation is a worldwide operating charity organization with projects in around 60 countries in the world. All these projects are charity projects. Supporting religious/cultural centers such as in Rotterdam is an example of such projects, but the range of projects is much broader. The common aspect is that all support provided by the AI Maktoum Foundation is for the benefit of the local societies.***

- Is the foundation still paying for everything (employees, water, electricity and so on)?

***Yes, everything is paid by the AI Maktoum Foundation.***

- Does that mean that the Maktoum Foundation is 'the boss' of the mosque?

***The 'boss' of the organization is the full board of directors of Stichting Moskee Essalam, a Dutch legal entity established in 1987 by the Moroccan society in Rotterdam that owns the Essalam Mosque.***

- What is the influence of Maktoum Foundation on the Dutch Mosque?

***A Dutch staff is appointed to 'run' the center. They set up a plan for activities, and the AI Maktoum Foundation provides budget for that if they prove the activities. There are NO activities that are proposed by the AI Maktoum Foundation.***

- Three members of the Board of Directors live outside The Netherlands. Is that a desirable situation?

***It has been this way ever since the year 2000, and it has never been a problem. The day to day business is not arranged by the board members, but by the staff.***

- Is it not necessary that all the members of the Board of Directors live in the Netherlands, to have a good bond with the Dutch Muslims and the Dutch society?

***Same answer as previous question. The staff consists of 10 people, and 9 of them live in Rotterdam.***

- Muslims in Rotterdam told us that they are afraid. "The influence of Dubai is too strong", they told us. Can you imagine their unrest?

***Insofar there is influence, this influence has always been there and has never a problem before, so we do not understand where this fear is coming from.***

- They also spoke about the really conservative islam (some said salafism) in the Emirates. They are afraid that the Emirates will import this kind of islam in Rotterdam.

***This is complete nonsense. The Al Maktoum Foundation has no salafi influences at all, and The Al Maktoum Foundation has no agenda of exporting any kind of views.***

- What can the Maktoum Foundation do to stop this unrest?

***Until this day nobody has presented clear points of unrest to us. If anybody would do so, we would do anything we can to help clarify those points.***