



# ISLAM IN BRISTOL

Registered Charity number 1139121

## Trustees' Annual Report

**From:** 01 Sep 2022

**To:** 31 Aug 2023

**Charity name:** Islam In Bristol

**Charity registration number:** 1139121

**ISLAM IN BRISTOL** was granted charitable status by the charity Commission  
on 22nd November 2010 under number:  
1139121.

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**Administrative Information**

Charity Number:	1139121
Registered Address:	82 Stapleton Road Easton Bristol BS5 0PW
Trustees:	Mr. Saad Awad (Chairman) Mr. Ahmed Omar (Trustee and Secretary) Mr. Aydarus Awale (Trustee) Mr. Riaz Unar (Trustee) Mr Abdullah Mahamed (Trustee)
Accountant:	South West Accountancy 14 Fairfax St Avon Bristol BS1 3DB
Bankers:	Metro Bank (Islam in Bristol Bookstore) Lloyds Bank (Markaz Ibn Seereen)

## **1. Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

Islam in Bristol was constituted as a Charitable Trust by the Charity Commission on 22nd November 2010 under number 1139121. Constitution and articles of association were adopted on November 2010. There are six Trustees and the constitution requires that the number of Trustees shall not be less than three or more than nine.

### **Organisation and Structure**

All trustees and senior staff working for the Islam in Bristol Charity currently work on a voluntary basis and receive no monetary benefits. This allows the charity to maximise majority of its funds secured back into the charity to fulfil its Aims and Objectives.

Apart from two positions, all the different roles and responsibilities are currently run on a voluntary basis. The volunteers carry out their different functions of working at the bookstore and working at the Markaz Ibn Seereen (M.I.S) centre and fulfil all the roles and responsibilities required therein such as, running of the bookstore; the daily prayers at M.I.S; weekly lessons at M.I.S; fundraising; conferences; publications and other roles required for successfully running the charity.

The trustees are appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting. The trustees are responsible for the following:

- The day to day running of the bookstore
- The day to day running of the M.I.S
- Organising fundraising activities
- Organising events for propagation of the goals of the charity
- All administrative affairs connected to the charity

## 2. Objectives and Activities

- To advance the education of the public in the subject of Islam in general and the Salafi beliefs and practices specifically.
- To advance Islam as a religion and good way of life in Bristol for the benefit of the public through lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Islam; to enlighten others about the Islam religion.
- To encourage good behaviour between Muslims and non-Muslims
- To teach following different religions should not lead to extremism or intolerance within communities.
- Working with schools, colleges and universities to advance the Salafi beliefs and practices
- Working with prisons to supply incarnated inmates with Friday Sermons, regular lessons and authentic Islamic literature.
- Enhance a sense of belonging and strengthen commitment to society and its betterment
- To cooperate with local police (Counter terrorism Unit) and the "Prevent Team" to help in countering extremist ideologies.
- To act as a resource for young people living in Bristol by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
  - Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
  - Advancing education;
  - Relieving unemployment;
  - Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have needs by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to meeting those needs.

Our objectives are set to reflect the Islamic Salafi faith and community aims. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Our aim remains to provide the community, Muslims and non-Muslims alike, the opportunity to learn about Salafi Islamic tenets, practices and worship.

Our ambition is to build the self-confidence of the Muslims in their faith and through our efforts and activities help make our society peaceful, vibrant and harmonious.

## Strategies

An important part of our strategy is community spiritual welfare and education. All our community activities including classes and seminars are advertised and we welcome the participation of all our local community, Muslims and non-Muslims alike. All our activities are free and supported by public donations.

### 3. Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees but in doing so the trustees seek the views and recommendations of both elders and young representations. The trustees believe this approach ensures the new trustees are respected members of the faith and community and to ensure that relations are fostered between the charity and the people of the community that we serve.

In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if we all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

### Induction and Training of Trustees

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies to the '*The essential trustees: what you need to know, what you need to do*' and other policies and procedures which governs the charity and its trustees must abide. This ensures that new trustees are aware of the scope of the responsibilities under the Charity Act. Initially, new trustees work with an existing trustees assisting on particular activities and projects run by the charity. After satisfactory feedback from existing trustees, they are then given the task of leading a particular project or activity, reporting progress at trustees' meetings.

### 4. Achievements and Performance

#### Fundraising

This year we were able to continue to do the weekly Jumu'ah collections as well as a big fundraiser during Ramadan which covered the running costs of the Markaz for the next financial year.

## **Properties**

The agreement for the two leases the charity has, Islam in Bristol bookstore on 82 Stapleton road and the M.I.S on 9 Lower Ashley Road, are still ongoing. In addition, we have added 11 & 13 Lower Ashley Road to the long term lease of no.9 Lower Ashley Road and we hope in the future we can purchase these two buildings to be used as place of worship for many years to come.

## **Social Events**

We have successfully been able to organise regular fortnightly lessons in the masjid with students who graduated from the Islamic University of Madinah and have also organised one-off lectures regularly with a good turnout from the community each and every time. Unfortunately this year we were not able to run the Summer Course we hope we can offer this service again following year to come, god-willing.

## **Eid Celebrations**

Eid prayers were once again returned to being held in the park after a brief interruption due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Great turnout and the community seem to really take to fulfilling this prophetic tradition whenever the weather permits.

## **Engaging with young People**

The weekly youth events were stopped briefly due to financial difficulties as well lacking a proper venue to hold these type of activities. We have replaced these with a monthly gathering were the youth network, socialise, eat and share benefits.

## **Accomplishments this year:**

Below is a brief example of the accomplishments of the financial year September 2022 to August 2023.

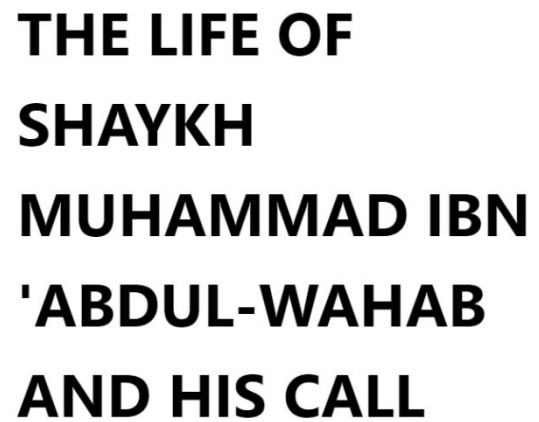


# SISTERS' TEA PARTY

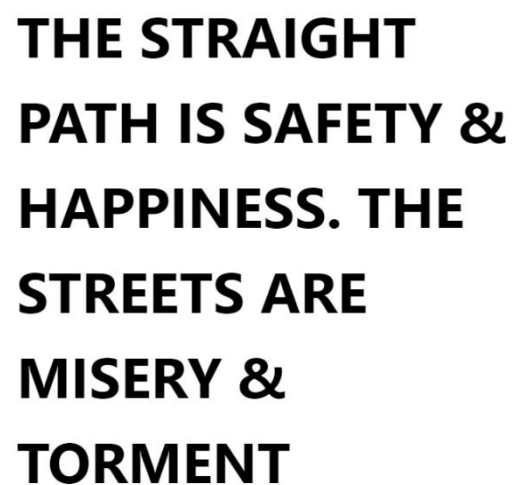
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Sisters gatherings last Saturday of every month.

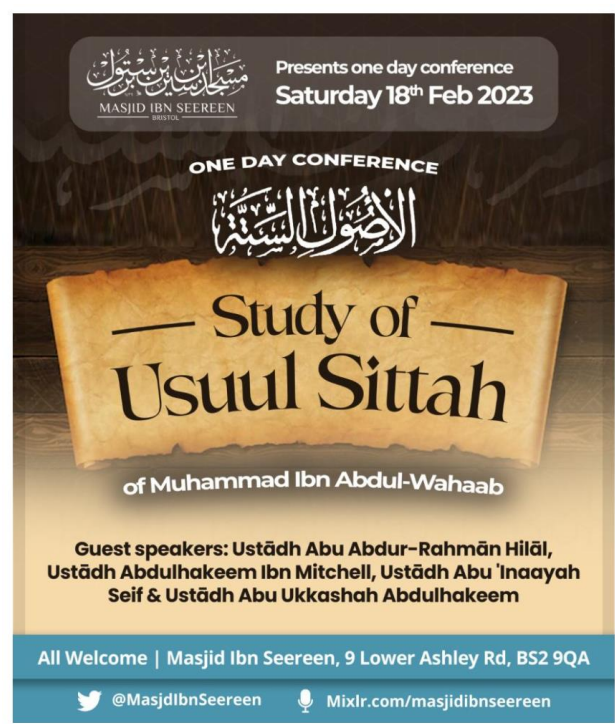




DECEMBER 2022



JANUARY 2023



# STUDY OF USUUL SITTAH

With Various Students of Knowledge

February 2023



# RAMADAN £30K APPEAL

By virtue of Allaah (sw) we were able to collect from our generous congregation the running and maintenance costs of the masjid for the coming year, Alhamdulillah!

MARCH-APRIL 2023

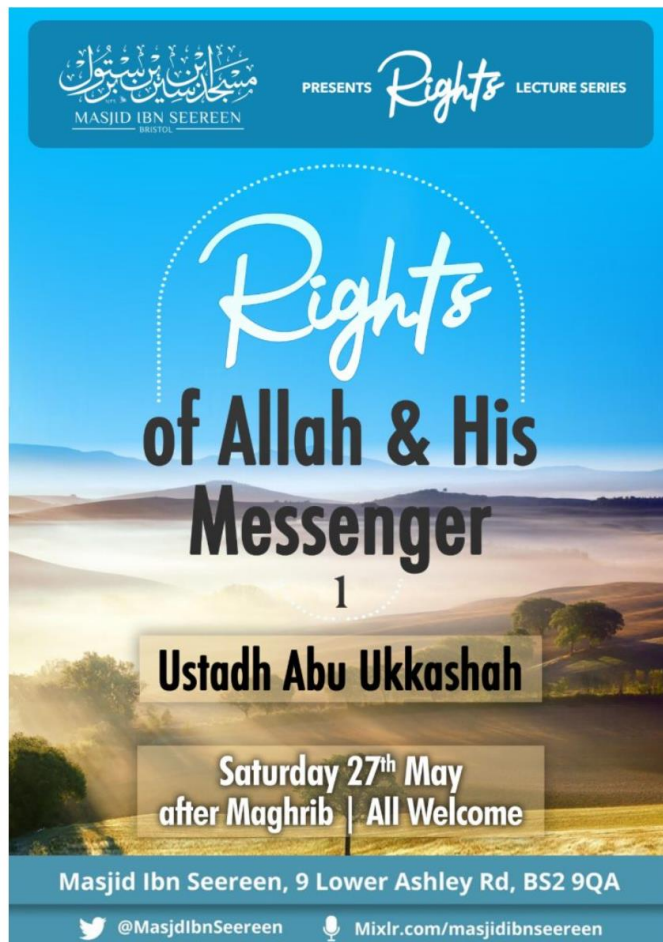


# **BROTHERS' GATHERING: QUIZ NIGHT**

Theme: The Seerah of the Prophet (SAW)

MAY 2023





## RIGHTS OF ALLAH & MESSENGER PART 1

By Ustadh Abu Ukkashah (حفظه الله)

MAY 2023



## 2ND ANNUAL QUR'AAN COMPETITION

By Ustadh Abu Ukkashah

JUNE 2023



Masjid Ibn Seereen, 9 Lower Ashley Rd, B52 9QA

# Rights of ALLĀH & HIS MESSENGER

PART 2 | ALL WELCOME

Masjid Ibn Seereen, 9 Lower Ashley Rd, B52 9QA

Ustādh Abu Ukkāshah  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July, 8:30pm

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JULY 2023

Masjid Ibn Seereen

MASJID IBN SEEREEN

BRISTOL

WEEKEND OF

KNOWLEDGE

at Masjid Ibn Seereen

LECTURE	LECTURER	DATE & TIME
Rights of the Parents	Abu Ukkashah	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> After Asr (5:45)
The Advice of Imam Ibn Seereen: "Indeed this knowledge is Religion.."	Abu Ukkashah	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> After Maghrib
The Way of the Salaf is; Safer, more Knowledgeable & Wiser	Abu 'Inaayah	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> After Asr (5:45)
Advice of the Salaf regarding the Seeking of Knowledge	Abu 'Inaayah	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> After Maghrib

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WEEKEND OF KNOWLEDGE  
AT M.I.S

With Various Students of Knowledge

JULY 2023

Masjid Ibn Seereen

MASJID IBN SEEREEN

BRISTOL

PRESENTS 2 LIVE LECTURES

The Advice of Imam Wahb Ibn Munabbih  
to a Man Affected by the Way of the

KHAWĀRIJ

Ustādh Abu Ukkāshah  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> August | All Welcome

PART 1: 6PM | PART 2: 9PM

Masjid Ibn Seereen, 9 Lower Ashley Rd, BS2 9QA

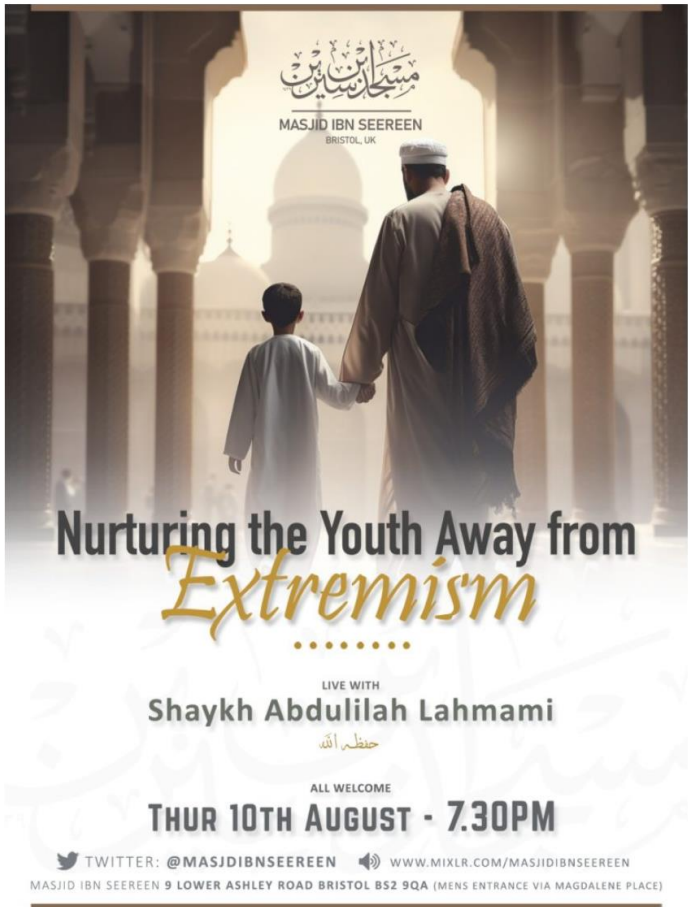
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THE ADVICE OF IMAM WAHB IBN  
MUNABBIH TO A MAN AFFECTED BY  
THE WAY OF THE KHAWARIJ

AUGUST 2023



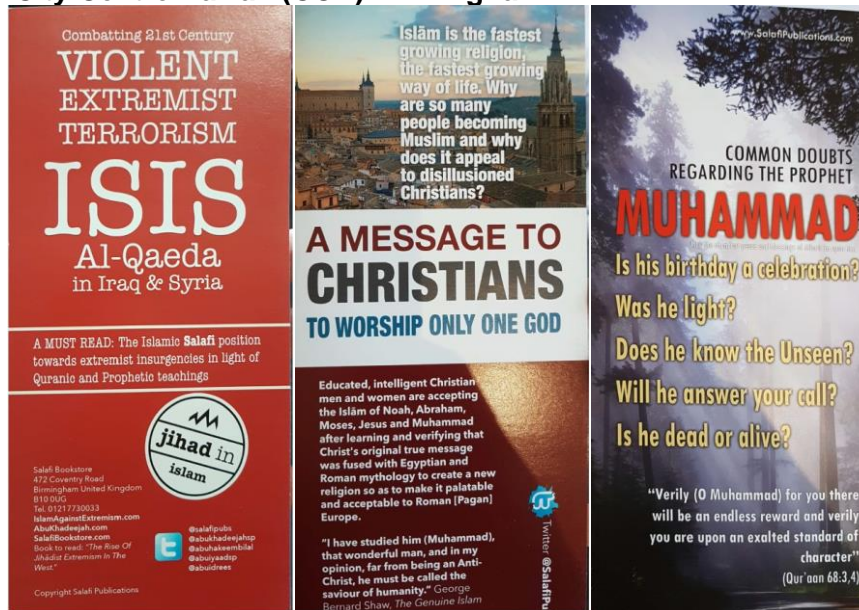


# NURTURING THE YOUTH AWAY FROM EXTREMISM

By Shaykh Abdulilah Lahmami (حفظه الله)

AUGUST 2023

**Selection of leaflets and booklets distributed free of charge in collaboration with our brothers from City Centre Dawah (CCD) Birmingham.**



## 5. Reserves policy and Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures will be periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

There is no reserve policy in place yet.

## 6. Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with '*United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice*' (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and



- d. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

7. Financial Accounts

ISLAM IN BRISTOL LTD  
(COMPANY NO: 11520056 ENGLAND AND WALES)  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The director presents his report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**Directors**

Saad AWAD held office during the whole of the period.

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors



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Saad AWAD  
Director

Approved by the board on: 20 June 2024

ISLAM IN BRISTOL LTD  
INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	91,578	97,074
Cost of sales	(36,916)	(31,934)
Gross profit	54,662	65,140
Administrative expenses	(52,514)	(50,957)
Operating profit	2,148	14,183
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2,148	14,183
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
Profit for the financial year	2,148	14,183

ISLAM IN BRISTOL LTD  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	3,176	3,176
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		75,167	73,019
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	(3,613)	(3,613)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>71,554</u>	<u>69,406</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>74,730</u>	<u>72,582</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account		<u>74,730</u>	<u>72,582</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>		<u>74,730</u>	<u>72,582</u>

For the year ending 31 August 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 20 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by

Saad AWAD  
Director

Company Registration No. 11520056

ISLAM IN BRISTOL LTD  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 Statutory information

ISLAM IN BRISTOL LTD is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales, registration number 11520056. The registered office is 82 STAPLETON ROAD, EASTON, BRISTOL, BS5 0PW, UNITED KINGDOM.

2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	At cost
At 1 September 2022	3,176
At 31 August 2023	3,176
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 31 August 2023	-
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 August 2023	3,176
At 31 August 2022	3,176

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	3,613	3,613

6 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2022: 0).