
Condition of the reporter Shahr Ibn Haushab

Adapted for www.albaanee.com from an article translated by Isma'eel Alarcon [al-Asaalah Magazine, Issue no.1]

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Question: Some people have been quoting you that you finally settled with declaring the hadeeth of Shahr Ibn Haushab as being hasan (sound)! Is there any basis to this report?

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: There is no source to this report that can be traced back to me. Thus it is like the many sayings that have been attributed to me, yet have no basis to it!! However, it is possible that the person who quoted this report became confused with the fact that I deem the hadeeth of Shahr as being hasan when it occurs as a supporting witness (to another hadeeth) or in succession to other reports.

And so he probably thought that I deem them to be hasan by themselves. And there is no doubt that there is a difference between these two things.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him