



رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ

Question

السلام عليكم

Could you please shed some light on the phrase

رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ and its meaning.

Our Shaykh Dr. Abdur Rahim, حفظه الله replies:

Dear Br Muhammad

وعليكم السلام

الرَّغَامُ means *dust*.

رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ means, 'His nose was covered with dust'.

This is a metaphor for 'he was humiliated, disgraced' denoting that he was knocked down in such a way that his nose (and face) were covered with dust. From this comes the idea of humiliation.

فَعَلْتُ ذَلِكَ عَلَى رَغْمٍ / رُغِمَ أَنْفُهُ

'I did this in spite of him.'

The verb رَغِمَ is used in two *bābs* : i-a and a-u.

أَرَّغَمَ اللَّهُ أَنْفَهُ , 'Allāh humiliated him'.

I hope this has helped you.

والسلام

Abdur rahim