

اللغة العربية

«رَغِمَ أَنْفُهُ»



Question

Could you please shed some light on the phrase

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and its meaning.

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. 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 / رُغْمٍ أَنْفِهِ

'*I did this in spite of him.*'

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

أَرَّغَمَ اللَّهُ أَنْفَهُ , means '*Allāh humiliated him*'.

I hope this has helped you.

والسلام,

Abdur rahim