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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "Is ruling regarding a person, that he is a mushrik, only for the scholars? Or can the average Muslims, when they see someone fall into Shirk, say about him that he is indeed a Kaafir Mushrik?"

Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan (*May Allaah preserve him*): "Whosoever openly manifests Shirk is a Mushrik. Whosoever calls onto other than Allaah, slaughters for other than Allaah, vows oaths to other than Allaah; this is a Mushrik. To the 'awaam (general people) and to the 'ulama (scholars), whosoever says 'Yaa 'Alee, yaa Hussayn!' this is a mushrik. Everyone knows that he is a mushrik. Yes."