

I remind myself and beloved Muslims to strive to increase our imaan and tagwa of Allah by abiding and fulfilling all of His Ordainments, and avoiding

all of His prohibitions. May we always remain on the correct 'ageedah and not get deviated with those astray. Today, the khateeb will deliver a khutbah entitled "Vape: A Destructive Device"

Recently, there was an uproar that sparked debates pertaining to the phenomenon of vape smoking, which is said to become the new alternative to smoking, and it is deemed

as the current trend within all walks of society in Malaysia. Vape is a device that is smoked, emitting vapors from nicotine liquid that is kept within. There are four main components for vape,

firstly the tank, which is the liquid storage that produces vapor when smoked and inhaled. Secondly, the atomizer that functions as a "kitchen" will continue to heat e-liquid until it

produces vapor. Thirdly, the liquid that produces vapor that will be inhaled and exhaled by vape smokers. And the fourth one, mod which is the location for battery storage and energy

source for vape. Before the emergence of vape, cigarette was the main choice for all walks of society until today. Then, there came the sheesha, an apparatus used to extract smoke through

indirect use of a water filter and heat. Cigarette and sheesha has been declared as haraam via fataawa issued by the National Fatwa Committee and many states in Malaysia.

Everyday, more and more patients are going to the hospitals to get treatment for three main illnesses that originate from the smoking habit, namely the heart, lung cancer, and chronic lung

disease. In 2010 alone, the cost of treatment for those illnesses came up to RM2.9 billion, compared with the revenue collected from tobacco tax at RM2 billion only. Definitely such cost

will increase year by year, with the increase in number of cases. Do we want to add another problem with the emergence of vape?

From the research conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and other information gathered from medical journals, it was found that vape is related to nicotine addiction,

the misuse of vape apparatus for drug abuse, and also vape's long-term effect with its content of formaldehyde, which is actually a carcinogenic agent that can cause cancer.

According to medical and respiratory experts at Prince Court Medical Centre, claims stating that smoke emitted from electronic cigarette is just normal fluid not nicotine is just plain

wrong. In reality, electronic cigarette contains nicotine that can increase the pulse rate and adrenaline flow, and also weaken the nervous system. Besides that, nicotine can cause abnormal

pulse rate, narrowing of the arteries, increased blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, stomach and intestinal ulcers, and impotence. The latest exposure in several local newspapers

mentions the discovery of chemical substance inside the liquid flavors known as Diacetyl, which can cause vape users to experience serious breathing complication and "Popcorn

Lung" illness or "Paru-Paru Bertih Jagung". From research, it was found that Diacetyl's content is actually more than 75% in flavored e-cigarettes that is frequently consumed by the youth.

Definitely it is a flavor that destroys. What is feared is that the majority that purchase ecigarette does not even know its contents, its manufacturers, and what

inserted inside it such as cocaine, marijuana, other drugs, and even dangerous flavorings. Even more worrying is when the seller just mixes the fluid according to the customer's

request, without knowing its contents and dosage. On 10th of December 2015, a local newspaper reported that the police have launched three raids in Bandar Mahkota Banting, a condo in

Ampang and Kelana Jaya, which successfully crippled a syndicate that was active in producing marijuana fluid to be consumed by vape users.

Vape does not at all assist its users to quit smoking, furthermore it is feared that its consumption will only lead to a more serious problem such as drug addiction. Because of its

colorful hues and the variety of flavor offered, vape can also attract non-smokers especially the children to try them.

Vape can also threaten the lives of its users and others.

This was proven on the 10th of November 2015, where a local newspaper reported that a vape user in Gopeng was given several stitches on his lips after his vape apparatus exploded while he

was trying to inhale from it. On the 25th of October 2015, a local newspaper reported an emergency situation involving a passenger and Malindo Air's flight crew after the vape's battery or

electronic cigarette belonging to a passenger suddenly caught on fire in a flight from Kota Kinabalu to Kuala Lumpur. Therefore, take heed for Allah has given stern

warning in al-Qur'an where it was mentioned: "And spend in the way of Allah and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into

destruction [by refraining].

And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers of good"

(al-Baqarah 2:195)

Based on vape usage that is found to be dangerous and possibly life threatening, wasteful and harmful to the health, then it becomes clear that it only bring about more harm and must be avoided.

It was narrated from Amr bin Yahya radiyAllaahu'anh that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "There should be neither harming (daraar) nor reciprocating harm (diraar)"

(al-Muwatta of Imaam Maalik, Ahmad: hasan)

When a person is exposed to harm and danger, then preventive measure must be taken to eliminate any opportunity possible that

cause one to fall into the abyss of destruction. This is in line with a method in Usool al-Figh (principles of Islamic jurisprudence) that states that avoiding evil takes higher precedence than

attaining good. In concluding today's khutbah, I would like to call and implore upon all of us that:

1- Let us safeguard and preserve ourselves from

destruction and devastation that is heavily influenced by our evil desire which outwardly portrays the modern lifestyle, whereas it was driven by the whispers of shaytaan that is astray,

only causing negligence in our hearts from the remembrance of Allah. 2- The parents must forbid their children from consuming vape, cigarette, drugs, and others of its like

for its harm will cause severe illnesses. 3- Vape traders should abandon such business even if it rakes in lucrative income.

4- The authority must remain firm by not granting businesslicenses, preventing and placing a total ban on the use of vape even if it profits certain quarters.

Let us be aware that the enemies of Islam are always seeking room and opportunity to weaken the imaan of the Muslims so that they will follow the enemy's footsteps.

May Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala always grant protection and safety with His mercy, and the blessings of the shafaa'ah (intercession) of Nabi صلى الله عليه وسلم Muhammad

"Those are the ones who have bought the life of this world [in exchange] for the Hereafter, so the punishment will not be lightened for them, nor will they be aided"

(al-Baqarah 2:86)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلَيْمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُوْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُوْمِنَاتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأُمْوَاتُ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its

consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor,

advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare. Hence, we sincerely beseech you, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizq, enrich us with

beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that you are pleased with, protect us from disasters and your severe trials, so that our nation will become more peaceful and filled with blessings.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from deeds and 'aqeedah that are astray such as the extreme Shee'is, Qadiyani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their zakaat and loving the fugaraa' and masaakin, and those that have

made waqf and gave up their wealth for Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

O Allah, increase and widen the rizq of those that made waqf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.

