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I call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, I will discuss upon a khutbah.



As Muslims, it becomes our very responsibility to curb all types of munkar (evil) occuring around us. One of these evils is drug abuse, which is becoming more rampant in this country. It is a

matter that is strictly prohibited both by the religion and the law of the land.

The third (3rd) *Muzakarah* of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that

convened in 1981 had decided that any form of drug abuse is ruled as haraam (unlawful). While, during the 76th edition of the same muzakarah in the year 2006, it was determined that drug

abuse is haraam. This prohibition is because drug abuse can cause destruction greater (mafsadah) and harm upon oneself, one's family, the society, and nation. This prohibition is

also to preserve the intellect (hifzh al-'aql) and block all means toward destruction (sadd adh-dharaa'i'), which can cause self-destruction and ruins the family and the nation.

Therefore, the responsibility to curb drug abuse must be jointly undertaken with another for all one members the of Allah community. Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

mentions in verse 110 of soorah Aal 'Imraan that was recited during the early part of the khutbah:

"You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah."

The reality today is that cases of drug abuse is becoming increasingly prevalent and worrying in our society. The National **Anti-Drugs** Agency (AADK), Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN) has

recorded the total of substance amount abuse and drug trafficking up until September 2023 to be 128,911 cases. Of that amount, 77.3 percent or 99,609 individuals are

Malays. Aside from that, it was discovered that those aged between 19 and 39 years old involved in drug abuse are 79,619 individuals or 61.8 percent, within the same duration.

Look at these astounding figures, do we not ponder upon our roles as members of society in curbing this disease of drug abuse from continuing to persist? If we choose to remain

passive, then it is as if we are comfortable living independently with the mentality: "Let them be, why should we meddle with the affairs of others, it is not our children that's taking drugs."

How unfortunate if this mentality is predominantly held by our society, for it only religious manifests teachings have begun to fade within our souls. While, the reality is that

drug abuse is becoming rampant by the days within the society. Moreover, they have audacious in become modern utilizing technology to sell drugs, through the dark web,

as well as other social network applications and platforms. What is even more worrying is that synthetic drugs are being sold as low as RM18 shipping including charges.

The adverse effect of drug abuse is truly grave. The drug addict will lose self-control to the point of willing to lie, cheat, steal, injuring others, even much worse is committing murder or

any type of crime, so as long that they will obtain that drug to satiate their addiction. Drug abuse can lead to domestic abuse and violence, causing households to be destroyed, and

responsibilities toward the spouses and children that have been entrusted Allah by Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala be to neglected. Hence, the

household becomes dysfunctional, resulting in scars and profound effects upon the children's emotions, and mental physical, aspects.

Take heed, for drug abuse will actually keep one away from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, further destroying the sacredness of our lives and our loved ones, causing losses

throughout lives in this world and the Hereafter.

To curb drug and substance abuse from continuing to devastate the society, all quarters must galvanize its efforts

to prevent evil. On the authority of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri radiyAllaahu 'anh who said: I heard Rasulullah صلى الله said:

"Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it

with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart — and that is the weakest of faith."

(Muslim)

In addressing this issue, it is very imperative for one to practice and abide by authentic Islamic teachings, for it can develop and groom the person unto becoming disciplined and always

obeying the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. It is not difficult at all for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to make a person righteous if he fulfills all of the commands of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and abstaining of His from all prohibitions, such as drug abuse. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 20 of soorah Ibraaheem:

وَمَا ذَالِكَ عَلَى ٱللَّهِ بِعَزِيز

"And that is not difficult for Allah."

The National Anti-Drugs Agency (AADK), in the treatment of drug addiction, has utilized the biopsychospiritual program method through spiritual and religious approach that is

comprehensive and holistic in nature, in ensuring that they can maintain a lifelong Healing and recovery. recovery from drug addiction originates from a soul that is pure, a soul

that is filled with the love for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. This serves as fortification controlling oneself from getting ensnared with drug addiction.

In dealing with drug addicts that have fully recovered, as a caring and civil society, we must accept them openly and not become judgmental or abandoning them without aid. If we are to

ask former drug addicts, none of them would admit that they had a comfortable life living under the influence of drugs. They regretted it and admitted that their lives were destroyed

after getting involved with drug abuse.

Therefore, they must be given ample opportunity to rectify their weakness and return in becoming members of society.

The society should not weaken their spirit from returning to the society, what more in avoiding and ostracizing them. We have seen proofs where those that have recovered and remained

healthy, were capable of living normal lives. Furthermore, some even became successful in their careers and businesses. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 135 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:

"And those who, when they commit an immorality or wrong themselves [by transgression], remember Allah and seek forgiveness for

their sins - and who can forgive sins except Allah? - and [who] do not persist in what they have done while they know."

Parents must emphasize to their children that they must always distance themselves from unhealthy elements, specifically drugs, for it can drag them towards annihilation and the

punishment of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Let us strictly monitor our children, knowing whom they befriend, and getting them involved with beneficial activities outside of the house so

that they will be spared from the evil of drug abuse.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 6 of soorah at-Tahreem:

"O you who have protect believed, yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are [appointed]

angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded."

To conclude khutbah today, let us derive several lessons as guidelines in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslims must have certainty that the duty of calling towards good and preventing evil is a command from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and that it is a collective responsibility.

2. The Muslim ummah must realize that any form of activities involving drug abuse is haraam in Islam, for it leads to calamity in this world and punishment in the Hereafter.

3. Every member of society must mutually aid one another in the healing process of former drug addicts by providing full support and

encouragement, and marginalizing not them from becoming with the together society.

"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)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes

that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect our state from calamity and disaster.

O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save Masjid al-Aqsa Palestine.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the amaanah. Strengthen our imaan so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities,

and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery, embezzlement, and power abuse. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest,

as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the masaajid and suraus in

the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the ummah's strength.

