

Islamic Law Guarantees the Welfare of the Community  
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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ  
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ  
الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

The purpose of *maqasid shariah* (the objectives of the Islamic law) is to ensure the well-being of the community. Preserving the faith, life, intellect, progeny, and property are its main principles.

Every command from Allah the Almighty - whether it is obligatory, recommended, forbidden, disapproved or permissible - is for

the benefit of human beings. For example, alcohol is forbidden because its harm outweighs its good as Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 2 (*Surah al-Baqarah*), verse (*ayat*) 219:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ <sup>ط</sup> قُلْ فِيهِمَا إِثْمٌ كَبِيرٌ وَمَنْفَعَةٌ

لِلنَّاسِ وَإِثْمُهُمَا أَكْبَرُ مِنْ نَفْعِهِمَا <sup>ط</sup>

Which means: “They ask you [Prophet] about intoxicants and gambling: say, ‘There is great sin in both, and some benefit for people: the sin is greater than the benefit’ ...”

Alcohol is intoxicating and it corrupts the mind, therefore it is forbidden in order to preserve humans’ minds. This is one of the purposes of *maqasid shariah*.

Similarly, all other *maqasid shariah* have the purpose of upholding the faith, life, intellect, progeny, and property.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Currently we are still battling the covid-19 pandemic which is a threat to humans. Complying with the standard operating procedures (SOPs) that have been set is included in the purpose of the *maqasid shariah*.

All parties involved in controlling the spread of this virus as well as treating covid-19 patients have fulfilled the great religious demand of preserving human life.

Therefore, it is forbidden for a person to deliberately expose himself and the public to dangers such as refusing to take vaccines or not complying with SOPs. Let us remind ourselves of Allah's command in the Quran in Chapter 2 (*Surah Al-Baqarah*), verse (*ayat*) 195:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ

الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Which means: “Spend in God's cause: do not contribute to your destruction with your own hands, but do good, for God loves those who do good.”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ  
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،  
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ