

## BE PRUDENT ON THE ROAD

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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 عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

The principle of *Maqasid Syariah* (objectives of Islamic law) in the aspect of preserving life is very important in Islam. As servants of Allah the Almighty, we are obliged to take care and preserve lives no matter where we are, especially while on the road. We often hear about heartbreaking accidents due to negligence while driving resulting in horrific injuries and death.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2(surah al-Baqarah) verse 195:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

**Which means:** “Spend in the cause of Allah and do not let your own hands throw you into destruction [by withholding]. And do good, for Allah certainly loves the good-doers.”

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

We will celebrate the Eid al-Fitr soon and most of us will go home for Eid to be with our families. In conjunction with the 75th Road Transport Department's celebration, we are reminded to always be careful on the road so that we can reach our destinations safely.

Let us appreciate the blessings of good health, safety and life that have been bestowed by Allah the Almighty to us. Therefore, be polite when driving on the road by abiding to the laws and regulations that are in place.

Do not be selfish when using the road. Be respectful and considerate to others while driving by giving way to those in need. Ensure that our vehicles are in good condition before starting a journey and always pray for protection from Allah the Almighty.

Be patient when driving and do not always be in a hurry. Also do not drive in a dangerous manner which can result in accidents. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Baihaqi:

التَّائِي مِنَ اللَّهِ وَالْعَجَلَةُ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ

**Which means:**“Deliberation is from Allah, and recklessness is from Satan.”

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 43 (surah al-Zukhruf) verses 13-14:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

لِتَسْتَوُوا عَلَى ظُهُورِهِ ثُمَّ تَذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ رَبِّكُمْ إِذَا اسْتَوَيْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَتَقُولُوا سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي

سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾ وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

**Which means:** *That you may settle yourselves upon their backs and then remember the favor of your Lord when you have settled upon them and say, "Exalted is He who has subjected this to us, and we could not have [otherwise] subdued it." And indeed we, to our Lord, will [surely] return."*

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 لِمَوْلَاكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ،  
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.