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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ 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،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness towards Allah the Almighty by carrying out all His commands and abandoning all His prohibitions. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and the Hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Many tragic incidents that occur within society are due to the problem of drug addiction and the abuse of prohibited substances. Most recently, the community was shocked by an incident in which a father was reported to have been killed by his own son who was involved in drug abuse. This incident shows that drugs not only destroy the body and mind, but can also shatter human values and sever the bonds of love within a family.

According to records, a total of 13,343 drug addicts were detected in the state of Pahang in 2025 out of 191,832 addicts nationwide. What is most saddening is that many of these drug addicts are Malays and Muslims.

Islam is a religion that places great emphasis on the purity of the soul and the well-being of humanity. That is why Islamic law was revealed to safeguard all matters encompassed in the protection of religion, life, intellect, lineage, and property. When humans neglect the guidance of religion, they easily fall into things that harm themselves, their families, and society.

Therefore, every Muslim is obliged to distance themselves from all forms of evil and immorality that lead to destruction, as Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (Surah al-Baqarah) verse 195:

وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ١٩٥

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 blessed brothers and sisters,

Drug abuse and the use of prohibited substances are among the major causes of destruction in human life. Drugs corrupt morals and distance people from the guidance of Allah the Almighty. A soul that should be filled with remembrance of Allah and righteous deeds eventually becomes dominated by negligence and desires. Therefore, the strength of faith and adherence to religion are very important in building resilience against being trapped in this problem.

When humans become distant from the guidance of Allah the Almighty, their relationships with one another also deteriorate. Crime spreads more widely, families fall into disarray, and many young people with great potential end up lost in addiction. Some parents live in constant anxiety, and there are even children who lose love and care because of the drug problem.

Indeed, drugs bring great destruction to the individual, the family, and society. Therefore, keep away from all forms of drug abuse and never attempt it, not even once.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Do not look at those who are trapped in drugs as people without hope. Behind their weaknesses and mistakes, there are still souls in need of guidance, care, and help. They require not only treatment, but also support, love, and spiritual guidance to rise again.

Therefore, society must change its attitude and negative perceptions towards this group. Islam requires us to help and guide them back to the right path. Every home should be a fortress of faith. Every parent must play their role in educating their children, and every mosque should be close to the community and open its doors to efforts of rehabilitation and guidance.

Give them the opportunity to start a better life. Guide them towards being close to the mosque, perform prayer, and do good deeds together. Help them with moral support and job opportunities so that they do not fall back into drugs. Be assured that the door of repentance is always open, as the Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Tirmidhi:

كُلُّ بَنِي آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ

Which means: *“All the sons of Adam are sinners, but the best of sinners are those who repent often.”*

Bagi membantu mereka yang ingin berubah dan kembali menjalani kehidupan yang lebih baik, kerajaan melalui Agensi Antidadah Kebangsaan menyediakan pelbagai bentuk rawatan dan pemulihan kepada penagih serta penyalah guna dadah dan bahan terlarang termasuk ketum, gam dan bahan psikoaktif.

To assist those who wish to change and return to living a better life, the government through the National Anti-Drugs Agency provides various forms of treatment and rehabilitation for addicts and abusers of drugs and prohibited substances, including ketum, glue, and psychoactive materials.

Dear blessed brothers and sisters,

As a conclusion for today’s sermon, let us be reminded of several important lessons to serve as guidance in life:

First, Muslims must safeguard religion, life, and intellect, which are among the *maqasid al-shariah* (objectives of Islamic law) for the well-being of human life in this world and the Hereafter.

Second, we must realize that drug abuse and prohibited substances destroy individuals, families, society, and the nation. Therefore, all parties have a responsibility in addressing this threat.

Third, society must understand that those who are trapped in drug abuse and prohibited substances need guidance, treatment, and support to recover.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

قُلْ يُعْبَادِي الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِنْ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ ٥٣

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.