

LIFE IS A TRUST AND FAITH IS A RESPONSIBILITY

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وَاللَّهُ أَحْرَجَكُمْ مِنْ بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ شَيْئًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ
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 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,

Indeed, Islam is a religion that places great importance on the safety of human life, where in the *Maqasid Sharia* (the objectives of the Islamic law), the preservation of life (*hifzunnafs*) is one of the main objectives, along with the preservation of religion, lineage, intellect and property.

Therefore, the existence of road laws and enforcement agencies such as the Road Transport Department, the police and other enforcement agencies is not intended to inconvenience the people. It is a form of *siyasa shar'iyah*, which places importance on managing society based on *shara'*, in order to safeguard public welfare and safety. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 2 (*Surah Al-Baqarah*) Verse (*ayat*) 195:

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

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

This verse clearly prohibits us from doing anything that could harm ourselves and others. In the context of road safety, speeding, running traffic lights, not wearing seat belts and driving without a valid license are acts that bring us closer to destruction.

Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) statistics show that 6,537 road deaths were recorded in 2025 and more than half a million road accidents occurred.

Apart from endangering the lives and rights of others, these road traffic offences also bring huge losses to the country. Based on the statistics of deaths and serious injuries reported by the Royal Malaysian Police in the road accident statistics report and the International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP), the country is estimated to have suffered a total loss of almost RM18 billion in 2010 due to treatment costs, loss of productivity, and property damage which was equivalent to 2.2% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This amount increased to more than RM25 billion in 2023.

Therefore, obeying the road laws not only complies with the principles of *Maqasid Sharia*, but also contributes to the well-being of society and the prosperity of the country.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Islam is a religion that places great importance on safety. Allah revealed the *Sharia* not to make things difficult for people, but to preserve life.

When the government sets vehicle regulations and driving procedures, the purpose is for order and safety. Obeying them with the intention of maintaining our own safety and that of others will be recorded as a righteous deed and obedience to Allah the Almighty. He mentions in the Quran in Chapter 4 (*Surah An-Nisa*) Verse (*ayat*) 59:

Which means: *“You who believe, obey Allah and the Messenger, and those in authority among you...”*

In ensuring road safety, drivers need to pay serious attention to these three aspects:

First, personal preparation: includeing preparedness while driving, complying with all road rules and having a positive attitude while traveling.

Second, vehicle maintenance: driving vehicles that comply with all technical regulations, ensuring safety and comfort during travel; and

Third, complete documentation: having valid license, insurance, road tax and related permits.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Within the framework of *Maqasid Sharia*, life is not our absolute property, but rather a trust from Allah that must be preserved. Therefore, every road law that is enacted, such as speed limits, the obligation to wear helmets and seat belts; the prohibitions of running red lights, cutting queue, passing in no passing zones, driving in emergency lanes and using mobile phones while driving are all in line with the *maqasid* and are not just administrative regulations. In fact, they are *sharia* instruments to prevent harm.

Islamic jurisprudence states:

دَرْءُ الْمَفَاسِدِ مُقَدَّمٌ عَلَى جَلْبِ الْمَصَالِحِ

Which means: avoiding harm is prioritised over gaining benefits. If speeding only provides temporary satisfaction but risks taking lives, then Islam prioritizes preventing that harm.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A true Muslim is not only known through his prayers and worship, but also through his good manners in social life. Compliance with traffic laws is a reflection of discipline, responsibility and kindness towards oneself and others.

This is in accordance with the words of the Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) in a *hadith* narrated by Ibn Majah:

Which means: “Do not cause harm or return harm”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As a conclusion to today's *khutbah* (sermon), let us improve our manners on the road by starting the journey with a supplication to be blessed, tolerant and patient so that emotions do not take over and cause fights or road bullying, and ensuring that the vehicle is in safe working condition before we put our trust in Allah the Almighty.

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

Which means: *“You who believe, be steadfast, more steadfast than others; be ready; always be mindful of Allah, so that you may prosper.”* (Quran [Surah Ali ‘Imran] 3:200)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْءَانِ 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، وَلِسَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.