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VOLUNTEERISM: A DUTY, NOT A CHOICE



I implore all of us to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. Let us increase our remembrance of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*,

increase our *salawaat* and
salaam upon our beloved
Prophet Muhammad *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam, and always
striving to perform all of his
sunnah. Indeed, we hope that it
will bring about benefit in this
world and the Hereafter.

In conjunction with this year's National Anti-Drug Day, the *khutbah* will touch upon the topic of “Volunteerism: A Duty, Not A Choice.”

The word “volunteerism” carries a meaningful definition. It is defined as a sincere deed, without expecting anything in return for its noble purpose. Islamic history has shown that an

advanced civilization must comprise of a society having a high spirit of volunteerism. Hence, volunteerism completes and complements the development of a society or nation.

Without a high spirit of volunteerism within individuals and groups in an organization, the success of building a society and nation will not be fully attainable. In Malaysia, volunteerism

has been long deeply rooted among its citizens. This is apparent in the traditions and customs of all races such as *gotong-royong* (community cleanup) and others.

The spirit of volunteerism and cooperation in helping out one another has become a pillar within the local culture and also as a way of life, especially in the village areas,

that there is even a proverb that goes,
(the blind ones would blow the flour; the deaf ones would fire the cannon; the fatigued ones would shoo away the chickens;

*those with scabies would clean
the bamboo).*"

This portrays the willingness and pride of every community members in exercising their very role to achieve noble objectives within the community.

For the Muslims, volunteerism is well taught, encouraged, and engrained in the religion for Islam highly demands that we always help out each other, voluntarily in mutually

assisting others towards good, with sincerity. Such noble deeds are proven to nurture respect, loving, and caring between one another. If such practices are prevalent among the

Muslims, then even the non-Muslims would partake in them. For a diverse and multicultural society, it is these noble deeds and values that will help build a harmonious, peaceful, and

prosperous living. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

“And cooperate in
righteousness and piety, but
do not cooperate in sin and
aggression.

And fear Allah; indeed,
Allah is severe in penalty.”

(al-Maa’idah 5:2)

Mutual assistance of others and volunteerism can be carried out in various ways and methods such as through financial contributions, sharing wealth, and others, or through physical

contributions, sharing expertise,
providing advice, and
consultation such as mutual aid
in preventing vices, crime,
abuse, fraud, and its like.

As we all know, the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK) is an agency that is responsible for the affairs pertaining to drug abuse. Its main role is to administer and ensure that all efforts in

curbing the threats of drug abuse are carried out as planned, focused and in accordance to its final objectives, in raising a society and nation that is drug-free.

Every task that is planned and developed in fulfilling this very role is very challenging. Each task is a responsibility that cannot be carried out by AADK alone. Each effort strongly needs

the support and assistance from all walks of society. Most importantly is to garner the help and cooperation of the masses to together participate in the

various programs and activities
that have been planned and
implemented, with full
enthusiasm, zeal, and sincerity.

Therefore, in this regard, we truly hope for all communities to galvanize their efforts and work collectively in planning and organizing activities within their respective

communities, in fighting against drug abuse. Whether communities living in the city, suburb, rural areas, or even by the water, they must all cooperate and work together in implementing

those activities. At the very least, local communities are able to convey and channel information to the authorities regarding drug

activities in their neighborhood. On the authority of Abu Sa‘eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

**“Whoever sees something evil
should change it with his
hand. If he cannot, then with
his tongue; and if he cannot
do even that, then in his heart.
That is the weakest degree of
faith.”**

(Muslim)

If there occurs acts of disobedience such as drug abuse, then the community is not free from initiatives or efforts to prevent it according to their means and capacity. If they are unable

to prevent, then they are to report it to the authorities, for this is also a preventive measure in providing assistance to the local community faced with the threat of drug abuse.

In the noble effort to ensure that everyone feels the duty and responsibility in eradicating drug abuse, AADK has established the “Anti-Drug Volunteer Corps” also known as

“Skuad 1Malaysia.” The main objective of its establishment is for the volunteers to act and operates as a team in aiding the government, specifically in drug-related issues and problems.

The objectives of “Skuad 1Malaysia” are as follows:

1- Creating awareness on the danger and peril of drug abuse to the masses.

2- Providing aid and support to those suffering from drug-related problems.

3- Acting as agents in disseminating information and promoting AADK services.

The *khatib* would like to take this very opportunity to implore all Malaysians to participate, in providing support and cooperation to this squad. It is truly hoped that with the participation,

support, and cooperation from everyone, this will create a wave of volunteerism as highly encouraged in Islam, in overcoming drug problems in this nation.

This wave of volunteerism must be given its due attention and importance by all community members, for that is the best weapon in fighting against this critical and ever-increasing problem.

In a *hadeeth*, the Prophet
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“Allah does not punish the
individuals for the sins of the
community until they see the
evil

spreading among
themselves, and while they
have the power to stop it,
do not do so.”

(Ahmad)

This *hadeeth* clearly informs us that every individual are responsible in preventing disobedience and enjoining good within the community, according to their very capacity and ability.

Therefore, let us work together
in safeguarding the security and
harmony of our nation,
particularly in preventing drug
problems.

Indeed, we truly hope to attain
peace in our lives and granted
protection from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

“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.

If only the People of the Scripture had believed, it would have been better for them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient.”

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:110)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَأَيَّاً كُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلْوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,**

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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