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MUHAMMADIYAH'S VIEW ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK IN SINGAPORE

In light of the current Novel Coronavirus outbreak, we are grateful that the Singapore government is doing their best to keep the situation under control in our country.

We strongly believe that the Muslim community shares the responsibility in ensuring the well-being of everyone in the society regardless of race or religion. We must give our best to help one another in reducing the transmission of the virus and ensure that the situation around us does not worsen.

As a Muslim, we must hold on to the belief that Allah S.W.T is The All Mighty, The Powerful and The Utterly Just. Therefore, everything that happens is due to His will and within His power.

For every outbreak or disaster, it is only Allah S.W.T who holds the wisdom behind its occurrence. Therefore, it is important to know that we are never in the position to determine something that we have no knowledge about.

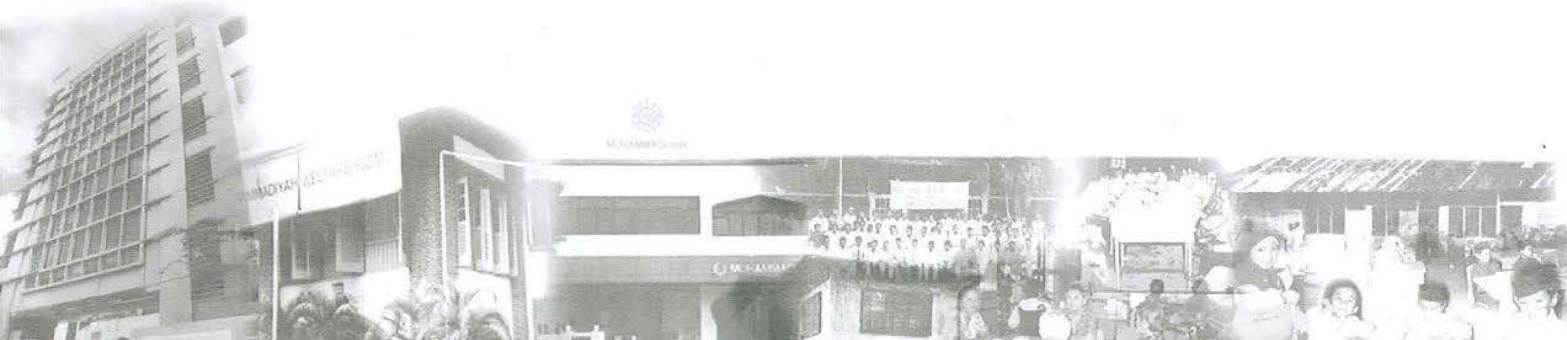
Muslims should follow the guidance of our beloved Prophet ﷺ in everything that we do. In the case of facing trials and tribulations, The Prophet ﷺ said, when Ummul Mu'minin Aisha R.A asked him about plagues:

"This is a trial that Allah S.W.T sends upon whoever He wishes, but Allah S.W.T has also made it a mercy for the believer. So, whoever is afflicted with a plague in his town, and he remains in it, patient, expecting Allah S.W.T to reward him, knowing that nothing shall happen to him except what Allah S.W.T has decreed, shall be rewarded the rewards of a martyr!"

[Hadith narrated by Al-Bukhari].

In another hadith, the Prophet ﷺ said, "If you get wind of the outbreak of plague in a land, do not enter it; and if it breaks out in a land in which you are, do not leave it." [Hadith narrated by Al-Bukhari & Muslim].

At the same time, there are supplications based on the teachings of our Prophet ﷺ that we can recite when facing such trial or tribulation:



1- Khaula bint Hakim Sulamiyya R.A reported:

I heard Allah S.W.T's Messenger ﷺ saying: When any one of you stays at a place, he should say:

"أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ"

"I seek refuge in the Perfect Word of Allah S.W.T from the evil of that He created." Nothing would then do him any harm until he moves from that place." [Hadith narrated by Muslim].

2- Narrated by Anas ibn Malik R.A:

The Prophet ﷺ used to say:

"اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبَرَصِ وَالْجُنُونِ وَالْجُدَامِ وَمِنْ سَائِرِ الْأَسْقَامِ"

"O Allah S.W.T, I seek refuge in Thee from leprosy, madness, elephantiasis, and evil diseases." [Hadith narrated by Abu Dawud - Sahih].

3- 'Uthman bin 'Affan R.A reported:

The Messenger of Allah S.W.T ﷺ said, "He who recites three times every morning and evening:

"بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ"

"In the Name of Allah S.W.T with Whose Name there is protection against every kind of harm in the earth or in the heaven, and He is the All-Hearing and All- Knowing)," nothing will harm him." [Hadith narrated by Abu Dawud and At- Tirmizi – Hasan Sahih].

Lastly, it should be in our best interest to not spread any news related to this outbreak that we ourselves are not sure of its sources. We must be responsible in sharing any news and always refer to credible sources and parties for accurate information.

We urge all Muslims to look upon this challenging event as a strong reminder for all of us to continue better ourselves as a Muslim by carrying out the commands of Allah S.W.T and refrain from what He has prohibited.

May Allah S.W.T bestow His mercy upon Singapore and always preserve us in good health and safety in this world and the hereafter. Amin

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