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MEDIA RELEASE

PERDAUS REJECTS EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE AS SHOWN ON IS' VIDEO THAT FEATURED SINGAPOREAN ABU 'UQAYL

Perdaus rejects and condemns any expressions of religious violence and hatred, especially shown in the latest video from the so-called "Islamic State", featuring one "Abu 'Uqayl". Authorities identify him as Singaporean Megat Shahdan, who was radicalised when he was in the Middle East for work opportunities.

It is now ever more important to be on our guard against subversive elements that advocate the use of violence and preach extremism, hatred and discrimination of others. We strongly believe that an open, consultative and evidence-based discussion on sensitive issues should be the way forward.

We stress the importance for both Muslims and non-Muslims to learn about Islam from credible and accredited teachers under the Asatizah Recognition Scheme (ARS).

As an accredited Islamic Education Centre and Provider (IECP) under the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis), we regularly ensure our teachers' and students' understanding and practice of Islam are sensitive to and deeply rooted in the local context. We provide our students multiple outlets and opportunities, both in and out of the classroom, to voice out their questions and concerns about Islam in a welcoming environment.

We strongly believe that an Islamic education with an accredited institution and under credible teachers is an essential part of life in multicultural Singapore and should be made accessible to all. Education plays a critical part in stamping out radical ideas and teachings, especially amongst those who have no one to turn to for answers.

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Introduction of Perdaus

Formed in 1964, Perdaus¹ has had more than a 50-year history of providing educational and leadership development services to the community.

Today, a dynamic Muslim Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO), Perdaus is a registered society under the Societies Act and also a charity under the Charities Act.

Our Mission

Perdaus focuses on developing agents of change by inspiring consciousness through education, nurturing lives and empowering families through advocacy, and building communities through meaningful engagement.

Our Vision

As our vision is building towards a righteous society, our core programmes revolve around equipping the community with critical knowledge and skills that will shape the development of a virtuous and progressive society.

Our Core Services

1. Iyad Perdaus Child Development

We have centres in Hougang, Jurong East and Choa Chu Kang providing quality and affordable infant-, child- and student care services.

2. Madrasah/Religious education for children and youth

We provide part-time religious education for children and youth, from kindergarten, to post-secondary certificate level that focuses on youth development. Our centres are in Bedok and Bukit Batok. We also offer sessions at Sengkang and Punggol due to popular demand.

3. Religious education for adults

Currently, we extend our religious education reach to adults with three major programmes:

¹ Perdaus used to stand for "Persatuan Pelajar-pelajar Agama Dewasa Singapura". We are now only known as "Perdaus".

- Kelas Agama Dewasa (KAD) programme, which offers basic courses and guidance in Islam
- Contemporary Reflections of the Holy Quran, a biweekly Qur'anic exegesis series facilitated by Ustaz Dr Muhd Haniff Hassan
- Express courses on Quranic literacy with our partner Akademi Cordobana

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