



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **20 June 2017**

### **MUIS' STATEMENT ON RASUL DAHRI**

1. Mr Rasul Dahri has been known to maintain exclusivist, hardline and extreme positions in Islam. He has made statements both in his videos and his publications that are exclusivist in nature and dangerous in that they promote enmity, strife and potentially violence not only towards Muslims but also other religious communities and the state. These statements contravene the Code of Ethics of the Asatizah Recognition Scheme, and are contrary to the progressive and inclusive religious outlook desired for the Singapore Muslim community.
2. For example, he opposes democracy, which is one of the Singapore's fundamental governing principles, claiming it to be not part of Islam. He has also been found to advocate Islamic extremism by calling Muslims to establish an Islamic state through jihad (armed struggle) and da'wah (Islamic call). Beyond this, he has also denigrated Jews in general by labelling them as people who accept terrorism as part of their culture.
3. Mr Rasul Dahri has also persistently denounced established religious rituals practised by Muslim scholars worldwide and declared those who practise it as deviating from what his own mistaken view of what is "the real Islam".
4. Mr Rasul Dahri's application to join the Asatizah Recognition Scheme has been rejected by the Asatizah Recognition Board.
5. Muis would like to assert that problematic teachings such as Mr Rasul Dahri's do not in any way represent the views of Muslims in Singapore. Muis advises Muslims to avoid such teachings, which are totally unsuited for Singapore's multi-cultural society and may lead to extremism in religious thought and practice.
6. Muslims are reminded that they should only seek religious education from religious teachers who are registered under the ARS. Religious teachers like Mr Rasul Dahri can mislead Muslims and do great harm to the community, and to society at large.

7. Should they encounter any individuals teaching and preaching such ideas, they should not hesitate to report it to Muis at 6359 1199 or the ARB at 6604 8568.

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