



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MUIS' STATEMENT ON ISIS VIDEO FEATURING ABU UQAYL

1. Muis has reviewed the video message from ISIS, featuring Abu Uqayl, who has been identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs as a radicalised Singaporean (named Megat Shahdan Abdul Samad) fighting for ISIS in Syria. This video is another attempt by ISIS to spread its militant propaganda by misrepresenting and exploiting Islamic teachings and sentiments.
2. Mufti of Singapore, Dr Mohamed Fatris Bakaram, said: *"The video is full of distortions and falsehood, deliberately designed to mislead Muslim viewers into sympathising with ISIS. Unfortunately, this video is only one of many similar messages which can be found on many websites and on social media. **These distortions are dangerous as they misinterpret and manipulate the teachings of Islam, to influence and convert those who may not be able discern the truth from the untruths.**"*
3. *Unfortunately, Megat Shahdan is one such individual who has been brainwashed by such dangerous views and doctrines, but we must not let those like him lead even more astray. **The Singapore Muslim community must stay vigilant, with parents, relatives and friends having extremely important roles to help anyone who show signs of being influenced.**"*
4. Muis would like to remind the community that viewers who come across such videos and messages should consult credible Islamic scholars and teachers on our Asatizah Recognition Scheme (ARS) to understand the true meanings of verses and prophetic traditions, so that they will not be misled by such false narratives. These messages are clearly against the teachings of Islam. **Muis is working with our religious teachers to combat such narratives online and help the community identify such falsehoods. Knowledge is the only vaccine to build resilience against such insidious attacks.**

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