

WORLD AT WAR

Since times immemorial wars have been waged on our planet. Battles have been fought on wide ranging disputes of sovereignty, ideology, resources, ethnicity, religion and including one over a soccer match. Battles have raged from low intensity regional conflicts, civil wars to catastrophic world wars. The theatre of war have included battles on land, sea and air.

In man's quest to inflict maximum destruction on the enemy he unleashes new weaponry of death in each era that surpasses the previous. Small arms, artillery, ballistic missiles, smart bombs, biological warfare and nuclear bombs all are worked on in peace time to deliver higher levels of mayhem during war.

Today, we face a new enemy, the likes of which has never been seen in our lifetime. An enemy that makes no declaration of war, masses no troops at borders, does not engage in combat under the rules of the Geneva Convention. In its voracious appetite for death and destruction everyone and anyone is a target. No one is immune from its tentacles. It is invisible, agile and works by stealth infecting you in a manner that you are unaware of. It enlists you by initially lying dormant within you so that you unwittingly perpetuate its spread to others you come into contact with. Royalty, sporting icons, presidents, government ministers, religious leaders, celebrities, the elderly, rich and poor have all been embraced in its tentacles.

This enemy is the dreaded Corona Virus, code named COVID-19 and is a most deadly enemy. In just a matter 90 days it has spread to 199 countries. It has infected about 800,000 people, caused 40,000 deaths and placed 1.8 billion human beings in a fearful lockdown.

HOW WE CAN WIN THE WAR

For our survival and preservation of our way of life, there is only one option - to win at all costs. Our lives depend on it.

A tsunami of information on every aspect of COVID – 19 is published by the minute offering valuable information on social distancing, personal hygiene, medical contact information etc. which is easily accessible.

The following is our further advice in the matter:-

1. STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE RULE OF LAW

Government has implemented measures for the safety of all citizens. These measures have been taken in consultation with local and international advisors and specialists. Play your part. Abide strictly with all their instructions. Disobedience is unpatriotic, illegal and placing others including your family in danger.

2. SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Follow the advice of your Ulama leadership on spiritual matters. These will accord and not be in conflict with government directives on issues such as prayer at the Musjid (mosque), funerals etc.

3. HEALTHY, NOURISHING AND HALAAL FOOD

"An army marches on its stomach", so said the military genius Napoleon Bonaparte attesting to the importance of well-provisioned troops waging the war. SANHA recognises that good wholesome food is a must for health and survival in any conflict.

As a service provider to the essential exempt food industry we have activated a series of steps and set up remote off-site digital offices. Our continuous service to the industry will give you peace of mind to know that your supplies of Halaal-certified products is not interrupted.

4. INTELLIGENCE

To assist you with credible information in this campaign we publish important contact details.

Consumer Helpline Service: Open throughout the lockdown period and can be accessed at number **081 512 2936**.

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Now as we bunker down let us pledge together and pray to the Almighty to take us out of terror to victory.

TOGETHER WE SHALL OVERCOME, AAMEEN (AMEN)

Any queries pertaining to the above or any other aspect of Halaal may be referred to our offices

Halaal Helpline 0861 786 111