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MAQASID AL SHARIAH

Assalamualaikum! & Ramadan Kareem

Dear Readers,
As we embrace the blessed month of Ramadan, let's take a moment to reflect on an insightful topic shared by the Securities Commission (SC) Malaysia—Maqasid al-Shariah. This fundamental principle in Islamic law ensures that Shariah rulings serve the greater good of individuals and society.

WHAT IS MAQASID AL-SHARIAH?

According to the Securities Commission Malaysia, Maqasid al-Shariah refers to the objectives, wisdoms (al-hikam), and secrets (asrar) of Shariah, which guide Islamic rulings toward achieving justice, balance, and well-being.

As highlighted by SC Malaysia, Maqasid al-Shariah is built upon two key principles:

- Jalb al-Masalih – Promoting benefits and public welfare
- Dar' al-Mafasid – Preventing harm and injustice

This principle-based approach ensures that Islamic finance, governance, and economic activities align with ethical and sustainable values.

WHY IS MAQASID AL-SHARIAH IMPORTANT?

- Helps interpret Islamic rulings with wisdom and relevance
- Ensures justice, mercy, and public welfare
- Allows flexibility in addressing modern challenges while staying true to Islamic principles

THE FIVE PILLARS OF MAQASID AL-SHARIAH

1. Protection of Religion (Hifz al-Din)
Preserving faith and maintaining religious harmony

2. Protection of Life (Hifz al-Nafs)
Ensuring safety and the sanctity of human life

3. Protection of Intellect (Hifz al-'Aql)
Encouraging knowledge and preventing harm to the mind

4. Protection of Lineage (Hifz al-Nasl)
Upholding family structure and moral values

5. Protection of Wealth (Hifz al-Mal)
Safeguarding property, ethical financial dealings, and economic justice

This principle-based approach allows us to apply Islamic teachings with balance, wisdom, and purpose in our daily lives. May we continue to uphold these values in all that we do.

Wishing you a meaningful and blessed Ramadan!