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Readers’ Competition

The Story of a Young Man Destroyed by Drugs
Most Serious Problems of Adolescents:
I recently read an article in a magazine about the five most serious problems facing adolescents nowadays, and as I expected, the first and most serious one was drug abuse. The results were based on a study by the Feseeb Institute, a Brazilian Institute of Social and Family Affairs. The said study says that although the life in our times has become much easier and better than before, adolescents’ problems are mounting, and their behavior seems more inclined to make their problems more complicated which can be resolved with little effort and guidance. Therefore, it is wrong for parents to believe that adolescents are now safer than ever, because the problems are growing day by day. The main problem is that many families do not care about the behavior of adolescents in the early stage. Also, the study confirmed that adolescents suffer from depression with everything they see and do in an unprecedented manner.

The Theory of Different Surfaces:
I think that the subject of the study almost applies to the theory I came up with during the period of my work, I named: (the theory of different surfaces). This theory deals with two types of life experienced by adolescents namely virtual life and the real life: In a virtual life, the adolescent can change, delete, add and modify everything he wants without difficulty or hassle, or without engaging in any quarrel with anyone. But when he comes to real life, the adolescent is confronted with a different reality, and finds himself in conflict with other people who have different desires and behaviors. The adolescent believes that he can change that as easily as the virtual world, but he fails to do so. Here lies the problem, and begins the stage of depression, escape and search for alternatives that the adolescent believes to be the best solution including drug abuse.

Raising Children
Parents begin to raise their children from birth, by taking care of them and following them up and meeting their requirements. Such care gradually decreases until the children are able to take care of themselves, and this is the normal course of life, in order to make the children able to face life gradually. But most parents continue to take care of children even after marriage and having children, which makes it difficult for the children to face life on their own. Consequently, the children feel depressed that drives them to escape the reality. Therefore, parents must leave their children gradually to depend on themselves and rehabilitate them rather than spoiling them so that they are ready to face the challenges of life by themselves successfully.

“Parents need to reconsider how they deal with adolescents and choose the best way to prepare a conscious and self-reliant generation that will be of benefit to the family, society and nation.”
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Seizing 52kgs of Heroin, Cocaine, and Marijuana

Appreciation:
His Excellency Major General Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri, Commander-in-Chief of Dubai Police, appreciated and praised the efforts exerted by the anti-narcotics forces in their success carrying out three operations, and recognized their vigilance, precision in planning and advanced performance in all stages of the three operations, resulting in the arrest of 3 gangs and seizing 52kgs of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana.

He stressed the significance of the operations which lasted several months and exerted intensified efforts by the teams who have carried out the operations excellently. The personnel’s sincere efforts yielded the arrest of criminal cells that targeted members of society, and praised Dubai Police officers and their sincere efforts to protect society from the scourge of drugs.

Joint Cooperation:
Al Marri praised the positive results of these operations, which reaffirms the determination of the UAE, represented by its various drug control forces, to continue the approach put forward by H.H. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior in combating the narcotic scourge and protect the society from it, calling on all citizens and residents, to cooperate with the General Department of Anti-Narcotics to face all those who seek to smuggle drugs into the UAE.

The First Operation:
Major General Khalil Ibrahim Al Mansouri, Assistant Commander-in-Chief of Criminal Investigation, explained the details of the first operation saying that the anti-narcotics teams discovered a gang of Asian nationals trying to bring drugs by boat from their homeland to Dubai. The teams followed all the gang members’ movements; and managed to apprehend them red-handed in Al Qusais and Dubai Marina with 14 kilos and 400 grams of heroin in total.

The Second Operation:
As for the Second Operation, His Excellency said that the officers arrested three persons: (one Gulf national, and the other two were of Asian and African nationalities) in a shopping mall receiving the proceeds of “the toxins” they had brought with aim for promoting and selling them to youths. Police seized more than 24,400kgs of hashish, which was brought by the gang leader a GCC citizen to the UAE through another GCC national residing in a neighboring country, in cooperation with an Asian drug dealer who lives in his mother country.

The Third Operation:
Major General Al Mansouri confirmed the importance of foiling it and arresting the gang members whose criminal activities spanned a wide geographical area from South America to Asia and Africa. He stated that the gang exploited shipping lanes and the movement of import, export and transit to smuggle the drugs to Dubai.

The State, citizens, and residents should stand together against the drug traffickers

Standing Vigilant, Accurate Planning, High Level Performance, and the Staunch Determination is behind our Police Forces Continuous Success

Dubai Police Anti-narcotics Department Director, Brigadier Eid Mohamed Thani Hareb, stated: “The three operations constituted a severe and painful blow to drug dealers and smugglers. Three gangs, including all their members, were arrested possessing about 52kgs of heroin, cocaine and marijuana.”
Our Youths ..
Between Ambitions and Challenges

(Nation Without Drugs) Magazine always welcomes leaders, giving media spaces to their opinions, ambitions, and hopes through its various portals to highlight the achievements made out of such opinions and ambitions as well as to spread awareness of emerging matters and the surrounding dangers – guiding our youths to realize their own interests as well as the nation’s.

This edition is set for H.E. General / Khalil Ibrahim Al Mansouri Assistant Commander-in-Chief for Criminal Investigation, to communicate with our magazine readers based on his professional position.

The Youths are the Focal Point:
The youths are the focal point in any nation, giving them attention and care because they are the cornerstones for the future of their nations. Also, attention is given to them because they are easily targeted - undermining and hindering their countries’ advancement. Doubtlessly, our country’s leaders save no effort to realize the best to our nation.

Guidance and Counseling:
Based on my professional position and community responsibility, I am pleased to give advice and guidance to children as well as to their parents on the risks surrounding them in order to keep our children away from such dangers and to stay away from ruthless people. Observing children is a basic pillar for protecting them from the dangers of drugs – because if they are neglected they will seek bad friends who are the main cause behind drug abuse. This observation must be provided positively by the family, by making awareness-based relations with their children by listening to them, knowing their friends, and giving advice so that trust is maintained and thus the children do not seek bad friends as long as the father is attentive. Unfortunately, some parents believe that providing leisure to their children can make up for such missed parental care resulting in the opposite effect, especially if money is available with the children in absence of follow-up and supervision on spending.

Environmental Fears:
The social environment is the number one determinant of the children’s behaviors. Many drug abuse cases are attributed to family discord or absence of family follow-ups which pushes children toward other people to fill such space created by the family tension.

Ruthless Hunter:
Drug abuse is a contagious disease as the abuser does not like to be alone – which makes him drag others into the mud with him. He will even drag his brothers. Cases have shown that some family members have gotten their brothers involved in drug abuse.

Therefore, parents are demanded to bear their responsibilities in this regard. They must give an attentive eye to their children to avoid spoiling their siblings. Dubai Police General Headquarters always organizes summer programs and events for school students at the end of each school year with the aim to invest the students’ time – as students and young people are the wealth and resources of the country for a better future.

Observation Role:
Dubai police is keen to take all procedures and measures, and to cooperate with all concerned entities to control drugs, and to promote awareness on the dangers of drugs. Therefore, discussions and analysis is conducted in addition to studying and discussing the related cases. Also, the causes are studied, and solutions are made in order to eradicate this danger. Dubai Police General Headquarters monitors the local websites and immediately blocks those found to be suspicious and promoting drugs, or such websites with electronic games encouraging the children to imitate organized crimes, disrespect social values, or even undermine Islamic values, parents respect, and patriotism. Such websites teach the children the professional way of committing crimes (such as killing and theft), instilling hatred in them by means of their social pages. Moreover, other bad websites invite the children to join terrorist organizations and teach them how to make weapons and to get money illegally, in addition to infiltrating an individuals’ bank account, money laundry, planning, making, and trafficking drugs. So, such web pages and portals are criminal ones with an entertaining appearance but with poison in reality aiming to normalize the criminal activities and the culture of violence, and instilling devastating practices and ideas with the children (such as breaking law and the use of force).

There are Three Reasons Pushing the Youths to Drug Abuse (bad friends, Bad Family Ties, and Curiosity)

Our Request:
Based on the above, I would like to request all relevant stakeholders including families, relevant authorities, and education departments to surround and eradicate the violence phenomena at schools. Also, I would request attention paid to children’s friends on the ground as well as on social media, specially such friends made in games rooms. These rooms and places are used as platforms by bad people to communicate with the youth to promote their bad ideas to destabilize and destroy the country. Therefore, the managers of those places must be vigilant and careful of the suspicious relations and activities among their customers. These bad people promote bad ideas undermining the general security of society. In addition to vigilance, they are requested to coordinate fully with the relevant security departments when suspicious situations arise.

Research Departments’ Roles:
The research departments at universities and media entities must coordinate and cooperate with the relevant authorities for spotting such websites, in addition to conducting studies, research, plans and efficient mechanisms to eliminate the criminal websites.

Hidden Deviation:
It is very dangerous when children are left without any control or care where parents do not know what they are doing and playing. Such websites can get the children deviated as the parents have no idea what is going on.

Everyone knows that Dubai Police’s efforts are endless on fighting drugs and monitoring the same electronically. Dubai Police applies field preventive initiatives in order to eliminate the spread of this blight via internet, because these games carry a danger beyond the understanding of the youths who are attracted by such media.

Social Partnerships:
Dubai Police mobilizes and uses all of its resources in order to provide protection and spread awareness of all kinds in order to stand firm against the enemy – by fortifying families and individuals. Also, we set up and activate social partnerships to confront such challenges. Therefore, we must have long term pre-emptive solutions for such challenges and cases. This is part of the private and public establishments and authorities’ obligations – adopting policies with effective future plans in their work.

General Invitation:
I call upon individuals to cooperate with the General Directorate for Drug Control by calling the toll free No. (901). Individuals are keenly calling the number, which shows cooperation with General Directorate for Drug Control in order to make Dubai and all the United Arab Emirates free from all kinds of drugs. Various calls at all times on all days show that all are living in one safe nation, with the keen interest in providing and promoting safety and security.
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Undeniable Reality:
Digital devices today are the gateway to the future rid an easy life. At the same time, they are a copy of our real world, containing natural behaviors that mimic daily life with back streets that require our attention while passing by. However, our concerns about modern technology and our fear for our children should not be an excuse to bury our heads in the sand like ostriches to make us believe that the danger is gone. At the same time, we must allow our children to use modern technology which has become part of our daily lives, but we must watch well to protect them from a long list of risks including drugs.

First, we must agree that the concerns about modern technology which has become part of our daily lives, but we must watch well to protect them from a long list of risks including drugs. Many parents are concerned about the influence of games such as the Blue Whale on their children’s smart devices. People fear the dangers of digital games and applications, but the reality of the dangers of digital games is so great that there are specialized bodies around the world closely monitoring the game market and analyzing the risks, and issuing periodic reports about these games, including drug abuse, where many games include drugs of various kinds within the game as a way to get more lives or get higher scores. Although the player does not use drugs in reality, but the character in the game does, which ultimately makes our children accept such behavior.

Keeping abreast with digital development in order to provide positive solutions to ourselves and to our children:

Human Technology:
I have a different point of view about this issue. I have developed this viewpoint over time through my multiple tasks in the digital future of Dubai. The most important of these tasks is the creation of the brightest and happiest Dubai. This point of view is a result of the follow-up at different schools in dealing with digital technology and using the same on the level of cities. I have found that the world is divided into two methodologies: the first methodology focuses on providing the potential of technology in building cities with the use of technology are people who have positive and negative aspects, explicitly or implicitly.

The Shock:
Through my follow-up to many news articles about the attitude of parents who decided to get rid of the digital devices their children had, to protect them from electronic games that may lead to suicide or falling victim to some strangers through chatting whilst playing a game, I was stunned by the shock and reaction in dealing with this issue as if some people did not use the modern technology before.

A School and an Opportunity:
HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, has launched (MADRASA) project that changes the traditional concepts of education and leads us to new experiences in the education sector. (MADRASA) is a school not only for students, but for everyone, and those who cannot go to school can study in (MADRASA) and students can take lessons to strengthen their knowledge, and parents can learn about new experiences. (MADRASA) does not define any geographical or age limit or place restrictions on attending and leaving like the traditional schools.

Self-learning Era:
We are entering a new era of innovation, which is moving us from the era of classical education to the era of research and self-learning, which will take our ideas into the future where there are no restrictions on attending classes or schools, but only study through new educational concepts like (MADRASA) and the New Educational Concepts.

If life is moving quickly towards future as I mentioned, the next generation of students will have completely different features, and they will need different tools and means than the ones we use today. Although we have moved to advanced stages of smart awareness, which is based on reducing the percentage of printed publications, and the adoption of electronic documents and innovative methods of educating people, such as electronic games and dialogues that enrich the experiences of individuals through the exchange of experiences and knowledge. In future we will see people who are looking for knowledge not only receive it, and the awareness concepts will change in future due to creative project such (MADRASA) because the concepts of education has changed. It is expected that people will look for awareness to protect themselves from the many risks such as drugs and other bad habits.

(MADRASA) and Awareness:
In the future, awareness will be transferred to another stage, and the preparation for this stage will be no less difficult than traditional awareness. However, with the development of the new generation, there may be a difference in the concepts of prevention, as research and thirst for knowledge will make us more convinced of the knowledge that results from thinking. Non-traditional education will lead to the creation of a generation capable of researching and inventing new ways that will contribute to raising people’s awareness of the dangers and negatives that we aspire to control and protect individuals of various cultural activities and levels. Ideas are the beginning of planning and predicting the future through trends that show the nature of life, and creative ideas are the key to prepare for the challenges and risks of the future.
Contemplations

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The Addict is a Submissive Person:

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Drugs Awareness is wisdom supported with Positivity, optimism, and happiness. So, make sure you lead a happy life full of awareness

Good Morals

If any person has satisfaction, happiness, and self-confidence, such a person will be a positive member in society. On the other hand, one may feel mental distress, depression, anxiety, disappointment, loss of vitality, negative energy and anger, and such a person will feel that others ignore him. The only way to deal with his case is to abuse drugs and living apart from others without realizing that his chosen life will not only hurt him, but also it will hurt the others around him. Life of drug addicts will often end with loss and regret.

In 1973, the World Health Organization defined addiction as “a psychological and sometimes organic condition that results from the interaction of human body with drugs. The characteristics of addiction include different responses and behavior patterns that always include an urgent desire to use the drug regularly or periodically in order to feel the psychological effects or to avoid the disturbing effects that may appear due to not taking the drug, and addiction could be for one substance or more” The Addict is a Submissive Person:
The addict is a sick person who has been the victim of his wrong behavior, and humiliated himself by the use of narcotic substances motivated by experience or psychological state, sense of persecution, weakness of personality, and the feeling of the lack of interest to others which leads to the addiction.

The United Arab Emirates has set up a healthy and social environment among different departments and institutions in order to deal positively with the youth. This behavior has become commonplace and the UAE government is keen to consolidate this behavior and eliminate all obstacles that prevent it from being implemented in order to create psychologically balanced individuals and to keep them away from negative behavior that harms them, their families and their community. Positivity, happiness and satisfaction are key elements in any country striving to apply them in all services and life issues of young people in order to create meaningful communication that allows everyone to be positive and active in society in order protect them from drugs and addiction.

Spirit of Initiative and Innovation

The UAE has given the opportunity to the young generations to create, innovate, and to highlight their potential. There is no room at this time for the lazy people. Opportunities are for the people who have the spirit of initiative and innovation. This will guide the young people to be good members in their societies. The drug traffickers will lose an important market for them, especially if young people believe in the slogan of “Nation without Drugs.”

Dangerous: People of all ages use this drug, and the most common place to use this is parties and night clubs, and it has many famous names such as (snow, Shabo, or glass). Crystal (Methamphetamine) is a dangerous chemical compound in which the toxin acts as a stimulant that destroys most organs of the body. So, abusing this drug leads to serious health and psychological complications such as (amnesia, aggression, irrational behavior, heart failure, and cerebral atrophy). Methamphetamine is a highly addictive drug. Anyone that uses it can become addicted to it after only a short period of time and will begin to consume large quantities of the drug. Many people who abuse this drug become victims of this dangerous drug (victim trapped in the first abuse).

Methamphetamine is an odorless powder with a bitter taste and it dissolves very quickly in water and alcohol, but it also has other colors (brown, orange, pink, yellowish gray). This drug has many common names among addicts such as (meth, crack, chalk and speed).

Confessions:

One of the addicts said that he lost his family, friends, profession and ended up homeless on the streets. Also, another addict of crystal (Methamphetamine) said that within a year and a half she was like an old woman with signs of aging on her face. One of the serious effects of Methamphetamine is semi- unconsciousness and loss of perception of people, time, and distances with sound and visual hallucinations and seizures and convulsions that become persistent ending in coma and death.

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Elad Meir, a US addict two years ago.

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Methamphetamine leads to damage of the blood vessels, brain and heart, high blood pressure, damage to liver and kidneys, depression, insanity and Alzheimer’s. All of this could happen in less than a year and a half. So, where are people of wits and understanding?!
The Story of a Young Man Destroyed by Drugs

Today (Nation without Drugs) will talk about the story of a young man imprisoned due to drug addiction. He smeared his family’s reputation with his failure and bad behavior. After serving his prison sentence, he changed his life path - choosing the proper way. Below is the dialogue:

Tell us about yourself?
I am a young man from a respectable family of five brothers and two sisters. My father works in business. We lived a very attractive and happy life.

Why were you in prison?
He kept silent for a moment, looked up, and said: Thank God I have received the punishment I deserved in life. May God forgive me! I have repented. I have learned that drug abuse was a dark point in my life as I was a victim of bad companions. We were 4 young people from different families. We were all victims of drugs.

Tell us about your life with your family?
I belong to a respectable family; but unfortunately I was a bad person, unlike my brothers who graduated from university. They always prayed at the mosque. Unfortunately, my destiny is to be the son who let his father down and abandoned his family.

Tell us how you started to abuse drugs?
It was the beginning of summer time. During vacation I met other young people and we used to go out together every day. One time my friend came and asked me to try some pills that would make me feel euphoric and happy. I accepted this challenge to prove to my friend that I am a man. This is what led me to prison in the end.

How do you look at yourself now?
Thank God! The days I spent in prison made me remorseful and I am lucky because I was arrested before entering into the addiction stage. I came to my senses and stopped abusing drugs. I have learned a very important lesson from life which made me think a million times before every step I took.

A person follows in his friend’s footsteps ...
So be careful whom you befriend

What did you learn from this lesson and how will your life be in future?
I would like to call upon all young people to choose good friends and not to be taken in by their desires which will make them pay very high price. I call upon young people to take care, not to befriend bad people, and to choose good friends.

Do you have any desire to continue your study?
As I told you, I was raised in a respected family. But I was different from them. All my brothers had good friends, and were educated. They graduated from universities. I will pursue my education and I will work hard. I will remove the dark past from my life. I pray to God to lead me to the proper way and to a brighter future.
The Arts are a way of treating many social, cultural, ethical, scientific, and even creative and innovative issues in society. Art also helps us overcome the psychological difficulties accompanying these issues - exceeding the limits of time and space thanks to the fast spreading and great influence in gaining sympathy and solidarity in solving crises and problems.

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**Meaning-oriented Arts ..**

**Help Countries Fight Drug Addiction - Eliminating Negative Behaviors ..**

It is known that The Arts promote joy and a love of life, helping us to change our views on life and living in different ways, because art lights up our hearts and souls - moving emotions and the human soul to broader horizons of beauty, optimism, and love of others. It has been said “Ears fall in love before eyes.”

Art plays a very important role in turning negative and naive thoughts into positive and experienced ones. The most important of these roles is directing people to think positively in order to solve their problems on the level of individuals as well as communities. The issue of drug addiction is one of the most important social problems highlighted by art. The Arts should help the addict get out of the narrow circle of addiction that confines him and destroys his family and his future – bringing him to a broader horizon of ideas, solutions, and the openness of society in order to find the solution to his problem by achieving the desired goals and dreams.

Positive and goal-oriented arts play large roles in fighting addiction at all levels of intensity as an awareness campaign prepared in advance. This campaign can strengthen the human relations of addicts and take them out from the circle of addiction to a broader range, interacting with the community in a way that enhances the psychological ability of the addict to get rid of addiction and to turn his life into a positive one and to feel responsible towards himself and his family. At that time, the addict will realize that the drugs made him a negative person in the eyes of his wife and children – making him fall victim to addiction. Thus, it is high time for the addict to return to his family to protect and take care of them. Yes! Arts make us feel and sense the real beauty of life around us. Thus, the role of arts is to calm the mood of the addict to make him think rationally.

Arts move the emotions of the addict, especially the feelings of parenthood when the addict starts thinking about his past and how he was a normal person; but now he is a destroyed person because of drugs. Arts play different roles between enlightenment and moving the emotions. Therefore, the role of art is no less important than the role of the medical treatment for addicts - inspiring hope toward a brighter future again.

**With its various genres, art stirs addict’s imagination awakening dignity of the past and his personal originality ..**

**Work Immersion:**

This kind of treatment depends on the work that makes the addict too busy to think about drugs. If the addict achieves success in his work, he will think positively and overcome his addiction. Such work must be directed under the supervision of specialists who are able to help the addict to overcome his addiction and direct him to a suitable and creative work, and such work depends on the different kinds of art.

**Awareness Programs**

Awareness programs are considered as a kind of art that rely on educating and directing adolescents and families to proper social behavior, values and social customs, directly or indirectly, with the aim to create a generation aware of the dangers of addiction. Short films and TV serials play a very important role in fostering and enhancing proper direction and thinking in a positive way, as well as encouraging addicts to realize their reality, to think optimistically about the future, to enhance their sense of responsibility towards themselves and others - making them understand how much they have lost in addiction. Thus, they repent and start their life afresh.

In this way arts awaken the minds and hearts through the magic of beauty and the simplicity of sensation.
DRUG COURTS
BETWEEN “YES” OR “NO”

Achievements of Drug Courts:
Drug courts have changed the process of dealing with some drug issues since its inception in the United States of America by providing a collaborative approach with stakeholders, subject to judicial supervision - promoting the health of individuals, and the security and safety of society. The treatment and rehabilitation element has achieved significant results as statistics indicate that if only 10% of drug addicts receive adequate treatment and rehabilitation rather than imprisonment alone, the US criminal justice system will save about US $5 billion. Drug courts focus on providing treatment and rehabilitation under specialized judicial supervision. After the successful start of the drug courts and after achieving positive results, these courts have expanded to many other states and countries such as Canada, Australia and Brazil. Because the aim of the establishment of these courts is to encourage the treatment of addicts and to reduce the economic burden resulting from imprisonment and drug-related crimes. Drug courts are run through a multi-specialization team of different areas such as judiciary, social and health specialists such as judges, doctors, psychologists and others.

Do we have to study the idea of Drug Courts through their various economic, Judicial and Security benefits?!!

Judicial Interaction System
Despite the variety of services provided by drug courts, and though the target groups are different as well, they are generally based on a holistic model focusing on judicial interaction with the various elements such as (supervision, follow-up, periodic examination, early intervention, motivation, and punishment in case treatment and instructions are not complied with). Several studies have shown that drug courts have achieved some goals, since the cost of registering of the addicts who meet the requirements of drug courts in the USA is far less than the cost of imprisonment. For example, the estimated saving cost by drug courts ranges from US $4,000 to $12,000 per person, and such savings are reflected in the reduction of imprisonment costs and drug-related crimes.

Effectiveness of Drug Courts
However, the debate remains between researchers and specialists on the effectiveness of drug courts compared to the effectiveness of treatment centers and the rehabilitation of addicts. Some studies revealed that some indicators of treatments did not show any noticeable improvement if compared to the addicts who received treatment in the normal treatment facilities, (percentages of relapse). Therefore, the real question is not whether the drug courts are better than prisons for some individuals involved in drug crimes such as abuse, possession, etc. but if drug courts are more effective in terms of health, social and economic aspects in treatment of addicts rather than typical treatment facilities and rehabilitation?

Innovative Model
In light of the few studies on the effectiveness of drug courts and treatment outside the courts; drug courts are considered as one of the innovative models in the judicial system because they offer treatment solutions under judicial control as an alternative to the imprisonment of addicts. The main issue here is whether the specialized drug courts will be one of the innovative solutions that the UAE will follow in the near future to encourage the treatment and rehabilitation of addicts - reducing the economic burden resulting from the imprisonment of addicts?

Director of Health Care Program (School Education Sector)
Dr. Laila Al Hayas

Help your society to combat drugs because they are a serious scourge - protect your country, obey God, and be faithful to your children and your society.

Islamic Sharia aims to protect us, our money, and our children. Drugs destroy our souls, minds and lives. Protect yourself from drugs by following the teachings of the Islamic Sharia.

The good Muslim is the one who enjoins the good and forbids evil and who follows the teachings of God, protects his nation and society, and cooperates with the competent authorities to confront the scourge of drugs.

The misguided man is the one who destroys his soul willingly - believing that drugs will make him happy. So, do not be a victim of bad companions.

Drugs destroy individuals, families, and societies. So, you have to avoid drugs and their danger, because there is a sacred duty to protect yourself, your family, and your nation.

Religion and Life

Dear reader of (Nation without Drugs Magazine), we are pleased to receive your messages that enlighten the others’ path to: a.mhmaid@dubaipolice.gov.ae.

Your message must be of a religious nature and social values in line with the goals of our Magazine and serve our country in order to realize (a nation without drugs), hence, nothing is impossible within the UAE and we stand beside our wise leaders.
The United Arab Emirates is making tremendous efforts to protect its citizens from narcotics - the epidemic that has ravaged the world. In line with the directives of the Ministry of Interior, headed by H.H. Lieutenant General Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, the relevant security forces have been making every effort possible to achieve the safety and well-being of society, in cooperation with the concerned departments which work in a highly professional way to fight drugs, especially the General Department of Anti-Narcotics in Dubai, which work within this security system and highlights the role of the media in fighting against narcotics in addition to the role of awareness and prevention to protect our society.

How do academics see the role of media awareness to counter the scourge of drugs?

“A Nation Without Drugs Magazine” has met some academics to discuss with them the role of media and its role toward reducing the spread of drugs that threaten the security and safety of society, and how to protect our young people from this global danger:

Dr. Safa Mahmoud Othman - Media Professor at Ajman University:
Dr. Othman believes that it is possible to benefit from (the visual and audio) media in awareness campaigns about the dangers of this plague, which represents the main concern for all legal authorities around the world. Thus, media must play a main role with the police monitoring all the crimes committed by drugs abusers and dealers - addressing the psychological and humanitarian aspects by narrating the real stories about the heinous crimes committed because of drug abuse. Also, she believes that efforts should be made to combat drugs through border crossing points and to develop the efforts to help drug abusers to integrate back into society. She also believes that it is necessary to meet and talk with the drug victims in order to tell people their stories with drug abuse while maintaining personal privacy - in addition to using social media to raise awareness through short and expressive films and video clips.

Dr. Rashad Mohammed Abdullah - Professor of Psychology at Ajman University:
She believes that media plays an important role in the lives of adolescents and young people inside the societies around the world because media influences societies in all directions. This creates the main responsibility that the media can take to raise awareness in societies about the dangers of drugs, especially adolescents and youths, because they are the most engaged group with social media and advanced programs. It is essential to take advantage of the media through writing, photography and films to combat and overcome drug abuse.

The psychological factor in the media plays a major role in creating the values of society. Thus, we must focus on enhancing the moral and religious values amongst the youth and we must tell them the ways that can lure them to drug addiction.

Dr. Nasreddine Ali - Media Professor at Ajman University:
He believes that the social media and the electronic press need plans and awareness programs suitable to all members of the community. These awareness thoughts must be put in media messages that address the psychological and emotional side of adolescents and young people.

Today, and in light of the development of such dominating social media, it is very important to adopt scientific methods that respect the minds of adolescents and the young people who use the social media. Such methods include (drama and imitation) that show the behaviors and terrible consequences that may occur to any drug abuser; and raise the emotions and shed light on this scourge. It is possible to materialize the slogan of (A Nation without Drugs) through the efforts of the General Department of Anti-Narcotics in Dubai Police and all police forces and departments in the United Arab Emirates through solidarity and cooperation to protect the UAE from this scourge.

Dr. Nasreddine added that media messages leave a psychological impact on people, so the world today focuses on social media to reach all sectors of society through the rapid transfer of information and highlighting all the negative effects that result from drugs through short films and realistic stories that focus on the psychological and emotional side of people.

Also, we have to spread awareness among adolescents in order to protect them from bad companions, in addition to directing the family and focusing on its role in monitoring children and determining the times when they are allowed to be outside home, through films showing parents’ carelessness in dealing with their children and the negative consequences resulting from such carelessness. PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE. So, electronic press plays a unique and an important role spreading awareness on the dangers of drugs.

What do young people say about the role of media in fighting the scourge of drugs?

We spoke with some students about the role of the media and its impact in spreading awareness and protecting society from drugs, especially the younger generation:

Haitham Mohammad Khaoul (Student at Faculty of Engineering - Medical Equipment):
Media plays an important role in fighting drugs and protecting young people from harmful effects by releasing short clips and films on the horrors of drug crimes and through awareness programs and plans addressing the community members to protect young people and communities from the dangers of drugs.

Abdul Rahman Al Zahabi (Student at Faculty of Information / Radio and Television):
Thanks to its effects, media can form public opinion in the society, and spread awareness against the dangers of drugs that might threaten all categories of societies, he argues. Therefore, we call for developing scientific and objective plans and programs to shed light on the scourge of drugs. To realize the success of these plans and programs, a great effort must be made by specialists to achieve the desired goals through social media because it is the fastest and most widespread means of communication nowadays.

Adham Ahmed (Student at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering):
He pointed out the importance of the role of the media in facing all the problems of society, especially the drugs that lead to the waste of energies and the destruction of societies. So, media is responsible for spreading awareness among young people and adolescents through the use of all scientific and educational methods to prevent the adolescents from becoming victims of drugs. It is necessary to develop plans on the materials to be disseminated through the social media, including programs, messages, short films and audio recordings on the stories of drug abusers who survived this scourge, because through such messages we will achieve the desired goal – to refrain from using this poison.

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Dear Reader, This story has won rank two in Dubai Police (Detective Story) Competition. You may read it in episodes published in the Magazine: (Nation without Drugs) to protect ourselves from the dangers of drugs that destroy individuals, families, and society. Have a useful and interesting read!

A Good Return:
Your name is (Carlo Miraz Moralees), an Argentinean national; and you are his wife (Salma Mikhail), an Argentinean national, of Arab origin. Your parents migrated to Argentina in the early 1960s. The trainer further told them that they had to live with these two characters. Remember this, and never forget it. Forget your past completely. Your life totally depends on these two characters – you mean a lot to us.

Telecommunications are strictly forbidden during the training period you spend here, except for one single call a day to family, and only through the phone in the lobby just to ensure your safety. Above all, your country needs you. You are indispensable. They received exhausting training that lasted until the evening. They were never allowed to go outside. They were eager for their children, yet they never complained, though the distance between them was very short – a few kilometers. They followed the strict instructions and lived a bitter isolation inside their home, and tolerated the three tough trainers. During three hard months, they received exhausting training, and learning Spanish with the Argentinean accent. Afterwards they got a week-long break to spend time with their children. The gathering was very moving, but did not last long as they had to serve their country.

Beginning of the Mission:
They were set to travel to (Buenos Aires) the capital of Argentina, to continue the training, because they were supposed to have been born and brought up in that city. For this purpose, they underwent additional intensive training taking into consideration all possible information such as the neighborhood in which they were raised, the schools where they studied and the university from which they graduated. They were also trained in the fields of surveillance and evasion, the use of light weapons, martial arts, opening locks without breaking them, and even small details have been taken into consideration to protect their lives and fill all the gaps that may accidentally occur in future. On the last day of training, they had to pass a very important test- to impersonate a fictitious character where they had to intermingle with some chosen foreigners and to get sufficient information from them. So, each one of them went on his/her mission. They were under the supervision of experienced men without their knowledge. They achieved a great success in this mission and came with valuable information that pleased the Major General.

The Chase:
The vacation ended; and they returned to the serious work. They had to complete another difficult mission- the most difficult and important in their new life. After only three days, Dubai witnessed a secret yet brutal and strong chase between a young blonde woman and two black men for few hours. They were wanted by any means as the matter was very important. But they returned unsuccessful – as the young woman disappeared without a trace.

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Amazing success:
Once again, they succeeded in carrying out the mission in the art of observation, and in knowing whether there is someone monitoring and chasing them. Thus, the Major General who was personally supervising this mission, felt satisfied and with a victorious smile said: “Oh Abeer, they proved their success again, I expected it from the beginning, as if they were born for this mission! But I am afraid that Ibrahim might get used to his new character with his shaved head, beard and wearing necklaces and all this because of me.” Abeer said to him: “Abu Khaled, faith is in the heart and Ibrahim believes in God and he agreed to execute this mission because he totally believes in serving his country.”

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Accompanied by his wife, Ibrahim traveled to Thailand for treatment – amid heartbreaking farewells and tears by their children. Tears of children intermingled with their parents. Following that, Ibrahim felt very worried of the precarious future where killing is the first choice, in that world, to solve their problems and to survive- a world with no law, no piety. Any person enters their den must be prepared for death.

Farewell:
Their tears are justified – as they are parents with children. ((parents and children)). It is the right of Ibrahim and Amal to cry and to feel afraid; yet their homeland is more important and they have to protect it because it is like a compassionate mother who cares for her children and sacrifices for them without anything in return. When a person has this belief, he is ready to sacrifice his own life, family, and money for his country.

RELAXATION
Major General Abu Khaled, who was following all their movements, allowed them to spend a week in Thailand’s villages, for rest and relaxation, far from the bustling capital until they

feel calm and peaceful. Immediately after the holiday, they returned to their homeland in strict secrecy. They were moved to a luxury villa. Next morning, they started a new drama.

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Bu Rashid Advice to Parents

- Focus your attention on your children
- Tell me who you walk with, and I’ll tell you who you are
- Good morals are a good example for you and your children
- Be honest with yourself and with others, and you shall reap the benefits of what you sow

Rashid Advice to the Youths

- Self-leadership begins with choosing a good friend
- Do not let anything distract you from your way towards the future
- No one wishes to die ?!!

Vigilant Family

The father is responsible for the family as he plays an essential role in managing and protecting the family affairs. In order for the father to preserve the healthy social status of his family, he should be qualified to develop and substitute plans when needed to manage his family affairs.

Awareness and Vigilance
The father must have the ability to listen to his children, whilst they are still young, so that it becomes a way of life and a practical approach to managing the family’s affairs in order to face and resolve problems and guide the families who are suffering from the differences of the multicultural society and lifestyles they are living in during the age of globalization. Therefore, the father shall deal objectively with all problems through having wise leadership skills.

Evidential Facts
In order for the father to protect his family, he has to identify the paths of his children at school, and to know everything about their friends, and to instill confidence in his children and give them more time each day to strengthen family ties. The father must deal wisely with his children and take into account their tendencies, ages and how to deal with the social media used by his children and the seriousness of such social media due to the attractions used to attract the users.

Sincere Wishes
There is no doubt that today, with the age of globalization, the task of the father has become more difficult as raising children is more complicated than ever because of the diversity of cultures and the different methods faced by the family and society while retaining customs, traditions, values and religion. We pray to God to help all our families to stand up to the scourge of drugs and to protect our youth from such dangers.
This competition aims to interact with the Magazine readers.

Dear Readers ..
Kindly find the emblem of the Drugs Control Council that is hidden in two pages inside the magazine ..

Kindly mention the number of the two pages and be one of the winners.

Kindly send your answer to the following address:

Email: dan.awareness@dubaipolice.gov.ae

Awards :
First Winner: AED 400
Second Winner: AED 300
Third Winner: AED 200

Note: All participants should give their full name and valid phone numbers:

Deadline for this contest is on: 25/01/2019

Winners of the last competition:

The First Winner: Yahya Mahmoud Asfour.
The Second Winner: Mostafa Ahmed Radwan.
The Third Winner: Gbenga Tosin Agboola.

Congratulations for the winners and hard luck for other participants..

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