



**RRG SECRETARIAT  
REPORT 2006 - 2007**

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## **RRG RETREAT – 2006 AT PULAU UBIN**



**GROUP PHOTO WITH DPM JAYAKUMAR**

# RRG PRESENTATIONS

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- To Editor and Staffs of Berita Harian
- To Indian Muslim Association
- To the 2nd National Security Course Briefing at Civil Service College
- To PERGAS
- At MUIS Convention at Raffles City Convention Center entitled 'Rehabilitation of Radicals: The Singapore Experience'
- At the Grassroots's Club organized by MUIS
- To Inaugural Senior Commanders Programme (SCP) at SAFTI
- To Subordinate Courts' Senior District Judge, Judges and Officers

# RRG PRESENTATIONS

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- To Presidential Council of Religious Harmony
- To Inter Agency Aftercare Committee
- To Yayasan Mendaki
- To MUIS Counselors
- At 3rd National Security Course at Civil Service College
- To Malay Muslim MPs and Leaders
- To Parents of Weekend Madrasah Youths at Masjid Kassim
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# IN-HOUSE PRESENTATIONS

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- Presentation on Al Wala Wal Bara by Ustaz Manaf
- Induction Program & ISD Updates to RRG members
- Briefing to New Counsellors
- RRG Academic Talk (1/07) by Prof Rohan Gunaratna – “Radicalization: Its Meaning, Implications and Refutation.”
- Presentation by Professor Abdul Rahman from Saudi Arabia on the Religious Rehabilitation Process in Saudi Arabia

# IN-HOUSE PRESENTATIONS

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- RRG Academic Talk (2/07) by Ustaz Mohd Haniff Hasan – “Al-Wala’ Wal Bara’ (Loyalty and Anti-Loyalty in Islam): Its effect to the Extremists and ways of handling it.”
- ISD updates on Government’s appreciation towards RRG’s efforts
- Majlis Ramah Mesra dan Menjunjung Budi Kumpulan RRG by MUIS, attended by Guest of Honour, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
- RRG Briefing by MHA on Emergence of self-radicalization

# PRESS CONFERENCES

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- Press Conference for Press Briefing on RRG Forum ‘Moderation in Islam’
- Press Conference for Forum “Peace is the Prophet’s Primary Message”
- Press Conference for Forum ‘Wahai Anakku, Sayangilah Agama dan Negaramu’
- Press Conference for Madrasah Youth Convention

# EDUCATION – DIPLOMA LEVEL

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- Specialist Diploma in Counseling Psychology – Graduated 13 Sep 06 (18 grads from RRG)
- Diploma in Counselling Psychology – Graduated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 (4 grads from RRG)

# EDUCATION – CERTIFICATE LEVEL

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- MOU – Geliga Communications-Confederation of Asean Journalists (Singapore Office) and the RRG on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007
- Commencement of Professional Certificate in Creative Writing and Islamic Journalism on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007

# YOUTH – CONVENTIONS

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- Madrasah Youth Convention (in collaboration with Taman Bacaan, Aftercare Group & Madrasah Aljunied) – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007 – 250 Madrasah students
- Taman Bacaan Youth Convention – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2007 – 300 tertiary students

# ADMINISTRATIVE - MEETINGS

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- RRG Secretariat Weekly Meeting
  - Administrative Affairs
  - Reports
  - Events
  - Feedbacks
  - Articles
- RRG Updates and Briefings

# ARTICLES IN BOOKS

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- **FIGHTING TERRORISM: PREVENTING THE RADICALISATION OF YOUTH PUBLISHED BY TAMAN BACAAN (2007)**
- **THE PEACEFUL MESSAGE OF ISLAM – UST H ALI**
- **UNDERSTANDING JIHAD – UST H ALI**
- **THE ROLES OF RELIGIOUS REHABILITATION GROUP (RRG) IN SINGAPORE – UST M FEISAL**
- **COPING WITH THE THREAT OF JI – THE SINGAPORE EXPERIENCE**

# ARTICLES IN BERITA HARAN

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- MEMAHAMI AL-WALA' DAN AL-BARA'
- CABARAN EKSTREMISME & RADIKALISME (2 BAHAGIAN)

# RRG FORUMS

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- Forum: **Apa itu Jihad?** By Ustaz Saripi & Ustaz Mohamed, Moderated by Ustaz Yusri Yubhi
- Forum: **Islam Mengutuk Keganasan** by Ustaz Fouzy, Ustaz Ibrahim, moderated by Ustaz Feisal
- Forum **Jihad** by Ustaz Ibrahim (RRG), Ustaz Mohamed (RRG) & Ustaz Nazeeruddin (MUIS) org by Federation of Indian Muslims
- **Kemurniaan Islam Dalam Masyarakat Majmuk** (Ustaz Hj Ali, Ustaz TM Fouzy, Ustaz Hasbi & Moderated by Ustaz Md Feisal)
- English Forum on **Building Bridges of Harmony** by Ustaz Hj Mohd Hj Ali, Ustaz Mohd Feisal Hassan and Ust Suhaimi

# RRG FORUMS

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- RRG Forum on **‘Moderation in Islam’** by Ustaz Hj Ali, Drs Noor Tijany, Ustaz Saripi and moderated by Ustaz Md Feisal Hassan
- RRG Youth Forum with Al Istighfar Mosques entitled **“Keistimewaan Umat Nabi Muhammad SAW”** with Ustaz Mohd Suhaimi Fauzi, Ustaz Mohamed Hj Ali, Ustaz Md Feisal Hassan and moderated by Ustaz Syed Ahmad.
- Forum **“Keamanan Mesej Perjuangan Rasulullah saw”** by Ustaz Mohd Hasbi Hassan, Ustaz Saripi Rawi and Ustaz Abd Jalil Razak
- RRG Woman Forum **‘Wahai Anakku, Sayangilah Agama dan Negaramu’** by Ustazah Hamidah Rahmat, Ustazah Siti Rahmah Abdul Hamid and Moderated by Ustazah Kalthom Muhd Isa

# RRG FORUMS

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- Masjid An-Nur
- Masjid Al-Falah (2 x)
- Masjid Al-Istighfar
- Masjid Al-Istiqamah
- Masjid An-Nahdhah
- Tampines Stadium
- Masjid Sultan
- Masjid Hasanah

# External visit

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- Trip to Berlin and Belgium - RRG represented as part of delegation of Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed, Senior Minister of State (Foreign Affairs)
- Conference in London – “The Struggle for Unity and Authority in Islam: Reviving the Caliphate?” (3-5 May 2007)
  - Extremist and terrorist’s ideology not supported with intellectual substance and proper infrastructure
  - Most importantly, to allow and create moderate (wasatiyyah) Islamic voices to be heard and supported against the voice of radicalism

# WITH VVIP

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- RRG Lunch with President Nathan at Istana
- Hari Raya Gathering hosted by Mr Pang Kin Keong at Fullerton Hotel
- Lunch With DPM Wong Kan Seng at the Garuda Restaurant
- Lunch with Director ISD, Mr Pang Kin Keong at Khadijah Mosque
- Lunch with Senior Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong at Istana

# REPORTS ON EVENTS

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- **Presentation**
- **Presentation RRG**
- **Press Conferences**
- **Certificate**
- **Diploma**
- **Conventions**
- **Articles**
- **Meetings**
- **MOU**
- **Forums**
- **External visits**
- **VVIP Lunch & Gathering**

**17 months (68 weeks) since Retreat  
2006**

**Total = 83 events and occurrences**

# IN THE NEWS

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- **WAK CANTUK – Berita Minggu, 26 Februari 2006**
- “Kabarnya minggu lalu ada sekumpulan asatizah kita adakan *retreat*...Tapi kabarnya *retreat* yang diadakan oleh kumpulan asatizah ini benar-benar *retreat* sebab para peserta benar-benar serius dan berbincang sampai larut malam. Dan tempat yang jadi pilihan mereka? Bukan Bangkok. Bukan Batam. Bukan Johor. Tapi Pulau Ubin...yang sunyi, tenang, tak ada kenderaan, dan tak ada sebarang pusat beli-belah...”

# IN THE NEWS

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- **DPM Wong – Berita Harian, Sabtu 3 Mac 2007**
- “Menurut Encik Wong, Kumpulan Pemulihan Keagamaan (RRG) menjalankan tugas yang patut dipuji dalam memberi kaunseling kepada tahanan JI selain meluaskan usaha mereka dengan memberi ceramah awam.”

# IN THE NEWS

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- **Presiden MUIS, En Hj Mohd Alami Musa – Berita Harian, Selasa 13 Mac 2007**
- “Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (MUIS) menyokong kerja-kerja Kumpulan Pemulihan Keagamaan (RRG) dalam membasmi ideologi pengganasan di sini. Hj Mohd Alami turut melahirkan penghargaannya kepada para asatizah dalam kumpulan tersebut kerana pengorbanan dan sumbangan penting mereka dalam mempertahankan ajaran Islam yang sebenar.”

# IN THE NEWS

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- **Menteri Negara Kanan (Ehwal Dalam Negeri) Profesor Madya Ho Peng Kee di Parlimen – Berita Harian, Selasa 10 April 2007**
- “Anggota RRG telah mendekati masyarakat untuk menjelaskan pentafsiran salah konsep-konsep Islam yang diajar pegganas agar rakyat tidak terpengaruh dengan propaganda mereka...Kita harus memberi sokongan padu kepada semua usaha ini.”

# IN THE NEWS

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- **PM LEE HSIEN LOONG at the Asia Security Conference quoted by The Straits Times, Saturday 3 June 2007**
- “ We are fortunate that Muslim clerics, teachers and scholars in Singapore have come forward to combat erroneous teachings of the extremists and rehabilitate those who have gone astray. They have formed a Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG) which has provided religious counseling for JI detainees and their families. These counselors have also been speaking against extremist ideologies in mosques and public forums to reach out to the broader Muslim community. These initiatives have guided Muslims on the proper interpretation of Islamic concepts such as jihad, and will help to prevent others from being led astray or tacitly condoning the extremists.”

# IN THE NEWS

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- **MM LEE KUAN YEW – Berita Harian Keluaran Emas, Ahad 1 Julai 2007**
- “Golongan asatizah dan imam daripada Kumpulan Pemulihan Keagamaan (RRG), katanya, telah sama-sama membantu memulihkan anggota JI yang diserapi fahaman menyeleweng akibat salah tafsir agama.”

# DEMISE

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- 15 July 2006 – Ust Syed Ahmad Semait
- 23 Jan 2007 - Ustazah Badriyah Syed Ali Alsagoff



# NEW MEMBERS

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- In March 2006, two Asatizah joined our fray:
  - Ust Abdul Jalil Razak
  - Ust Md Saiful Alam Shah

# **“Religious Rehabilitation Group” FUND**

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- \$10,000.00 from MUIS on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007 to Khadijah Mosque Account
- Fund placed in Maybank Berhad
- Account No: 0403-10-0591-4
- Clearance received from MUIS to open separate account for RRG
- Bank approved opening of new account on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007
- Transferred to RRG on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007

# **WEBPAGE – [www.rrg.sg](http://www.rrg.sg)**

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- **ABOUT RRG**
  - **Formation, Structure, Members, Functions and Objectives**
- **IDEOLOGICAL RESPONSE**
  - **Countering Ideology, Counter wrongful understanding of concepts**
- **ARTICLES**
  - **Written articles by RRG members and on RRG**
- **AUDIO & VIDEO**
  - **Events – Forums and Conventions**

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- **IN THE NEWS**
  - **Newspaper cuttings on RRG**
- **PRESENTATIONS**
  - **In Arabic, English on RRG and Its works**
- **HIGHLIGHTS**
  - **Interesting facts on Islam and RRG**
- **FEEDBACK**
  - **Q & A**
- **Emails for every RRG members**
  - **[feisal@rrg.sg](mailto:feisal@rrg.sg)**

# COUNSELING

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- Present numbers (Jan 07 – Jun 07)
  - DO : 66 sessions
  - RO : 38 sessions
  - Family : 12 sessions
- No of counselors : 19/30 RRG members
- Average sessions per week : 10
- Total sessions since 2004: 813

# COUNSELING

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- AREAS of IMPROVEMENT:
  - Earlier submission of reports
  - Essential information
  - Length
  - Avoid Repetition
  - Greater Analysis

# ROADMAP 2006 - 2007

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- To engage the RRG & RRC members in doing research on Islamic concepts misunderstood by JI.
- Monthly presentation and discussion by and among RRG & RRC members on specific misunderstood concepts.
- There is a need to set up a question bank which collates questions, queries and confusions received by RRG & RRC members from counselling sessions and road shows.

# ROADMAP 2006 - 2007

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- To work closely with other “non-religious resources” to provide sociological, psychological and socio-political perspectives to the issues at hand.
- To assist capable individuals to do research, to write and explain.
- Should consider pairing the RRG & RRC counsellors and MHA psychologists in conducting counselling sessions.

# ROADMAP 2006 - 2007

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- There is a need to provide substantial religious material to support psychologist's findings towards carving new approaches in rehabilitation efforts.
- RRG should continue constructive collaboration with interested organisations in doing road shows as a tool to educate the masses in promoting rightful understanding of Islam.
- RRG members to engage in writing articles in newspaper, especially BH to forward issues that support the RRG cause of disseminating rightful and beautiful interpretation of Islam.

# ROADMAP 2006 - 2007

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- RRG to engage in informing non Muslims of contemporary issues relating to Islam through various means such as the media, forums and talks.
- To provide more historical and anecdotal evidence from Islamic History in order to correct the misunderstanding of the detainees, so as to develop appreciation of “time & space” and context of different times in history. History of Islam is pregnant of such events than “violence & wars”.

# RRG'S PROGRESS

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- 2003 – 2004
  - Formation Period
- 2004 – 2005
  - Manual, Internal upgrading & meetings
- 2005 – 2006
  - Made public & Community Engagement
- 2006 – 2007
  - Professional Diploma, Conventions, Articles & Webpage



# **OBJECTIVES OF RETREAT 2007**

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- Ways to improve on counseling
- Committee for webpage
- Other initiatives for RRG's expansion
- Creating Pool of Writers
- Counter Ideological responses
- Against Self radicalization
- Greater Avenues for Public Engagement