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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لِا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَى عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَى أَدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَى أَلُهُ وَعَلَى اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّالَةُ اللَّهُ اللَّلْمُ اللَّلَّ اللَّهُ اللَّا اللَّا اللّهُ اللَّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَآ أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ! أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

يَّأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ ۞ 2

Dear blessed Muslims,

On this noble day, let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all be from among the believers, attaining mercy and forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

¹ al-Anfaal 8:2.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



The title of our khutbah today is "ISLAM IS A RELIGION OF UNITY."

Dear blessed Muslims,

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 103 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:

وَاعْتَصِمُواْ بِحَبْلِ اللّهِ جَمِيعَا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُواْ وَاذْكُرُواْ نِعْمَتَ اللّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنتُمْ أَعْدَآءَ فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُم بِنِعْمَتِهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنتُمْ أَعْدَآءَ فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُم بِنِعْمَتِهِ عَلَيْكُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُم بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَنَا وَكُنتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةِ مِّنَ النّارِ فَأَنقَذَكُم مِّنْهَا كَذَالِكَ يُبَيّنُ النّارِ فَأَنقَذَكُم مِّنْهَا كَذَالِكَ يُبَيّنُ النّاهُ لَكُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةِ مِّنَ النّارِ فَأَنقَذَكُم مِّنْهَا كَذَالِكَ يُبَيّنُ اللّهُ لَكُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةِ مِّنَ النّارِ فَأَنقَذَكُم مِّنْهَا لَكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ شَ

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided."

Dear blessed audience,

A strong *ummah* is an *ummah* that is united and a prosperous *ummah* is not easily startled and frightened by any threats or intimidations. Islam is a religion that promotes unity for it upholds peace and stability. On the contrary, Islam absolutely rejects division for it will lead to destruction and backwardness. From one aspect, a divided *ummah* will become weak and easily annihilated by its enemies, for division will remove the strength of an



ummah or a nation. Unity is not only emphasized within aspects of military and defense, moreover it must encompass all matters pertaining to life for the enemies do not just view the weakness of a nation from a single angle alone, but instead they will scrutinize the various facets that can be penetrated. For that, we must strengthen the unity of the Muslim *ummah* in all aspects of life especially in the realm of politics, economics, and others so as to nurture a prosperous *ummah*.

Brotherhood is the key to unity, where the stronger it is fostered, the more cohesive the unity of the *ummah* becomes. Therefore, the concept and spirit of brotherhood must be nurtured and instilled within the hearts of every human for it is the characteristic of the believers. On the contrary, enmity and rancor are the main enemies of unity. With that, if a nation or people are always in hostility and at each other's throat, then truthfully they are not brothers, so what more in forming a union and unification.

Respected Muslims,

Unity is a symbol of integrity and strength, and it is also a symbol of peace and harmony. In al-Qur'an, we find many verses enjoining unity and brotherhood. Among them is where Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 10 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."



For the sake of preserving brotherhood ties that is firm and solid, al-Qur'an calls for efforts towards reconciliation and *Islaah* (reform) if there appear signs indicating that the ties of brotherhood will become ruptured and destroyed or at the very least it is showing signs of cracking. This is clearly as mentioned at the end of the verse recited just now.

At the same time, Allah has given stern warning to all of us to not divide for it can dissolve our bonds of brotherhood and strength. Allah mentions in verse 105 of soorah Aal 'Imraan, which means:

"And do not be like the ones who became divided and differed after the clear proofs had come to them. And those will have a great punishment."

This verse explains upon the significance for the Muslim *ummah* to mutually support and aid each other in developing the integrity and unity of the *ummah* wherever one may be. We must prioritize on the *ummah*'s integrity over personal interests. We must avoid matters that can trigger enmity and disunity within community living.

Verily, unity and unification will make us firm and strong, while disunity will only make us weak and easily subdued by our opponents. A united *ummah*, no matter how small in number, will always remain strong. On the contrary, a large *ummah* that is always bickering with each other will be easily defeated by its enemies. Allah mentions in verse 249 of soorah al-Baqarah:



"...How many a small company has overcome a large company by permission of Allah. And Allah is with the patient."

Hence, let us altogether realize upon the severity of the danger if there is always disunity and strife. It will inflict grave disaster and calamity that can ultimately cause the loss of authority and strength upon the Muslim *ummah* itself.

Dear noble audience,

Let us altogether ponder and derive lessons from today's sermon. Among them;

- 1. The Muslim *ummah* must preserve *ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah* (Islamic brotherhood) among Muslims so that we can build bond of unity within the *ummah* that flourishes.
- 2. The Muslim *ummah* must educate its future generation to unite and strengthen its unity based on 'aqeedah, Sharee'ah and Islamic akhlaaq.
- 3. It is *waajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to preserve its unity so as to ensure the strength of the Muslims and peace throughout the land.



"And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient."

(al-Anfaal 8:46)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْلهَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ وَمَلَّيِكَتَهُ و يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسُلِيمًا ۞



اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِیْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْیَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِیْعٌ قَرِیْبٌ مُجِیْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَیَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلاَمَ وَالْمُسْلِمِیْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُسْرِكِیْنَ. الْکَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُسْرِكِیْنَ.

اللّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَا يَكَ الْحُشْفَ، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ بِأَسْمَا يَكِ الْحُشْفَ، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه المعنظَم، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَةَ وَالسَّلامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تَعْكُو أَمِير شَاه إبْنِ وَالسَّلامَة مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تَعْكُو أَمِير شَاه إبْنِ السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ أَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ وَالإَكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ



عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَريقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.

اَللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْبَرَضَ وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءَ وَالْبَرَضَ وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحَنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَالْمِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.



رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنْ أَزُوَاجِنَا وَذُرِيَّتِنَا قُرَّةً أَعُيُنِ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي ٱلْآخِرةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلتَّارِ ۞. عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِي ٱلْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَاءِ وَٱلْمِنكرِ وَٱلْبَغِيُ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَآءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغِيُ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

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فَاذْكُرُواْ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.