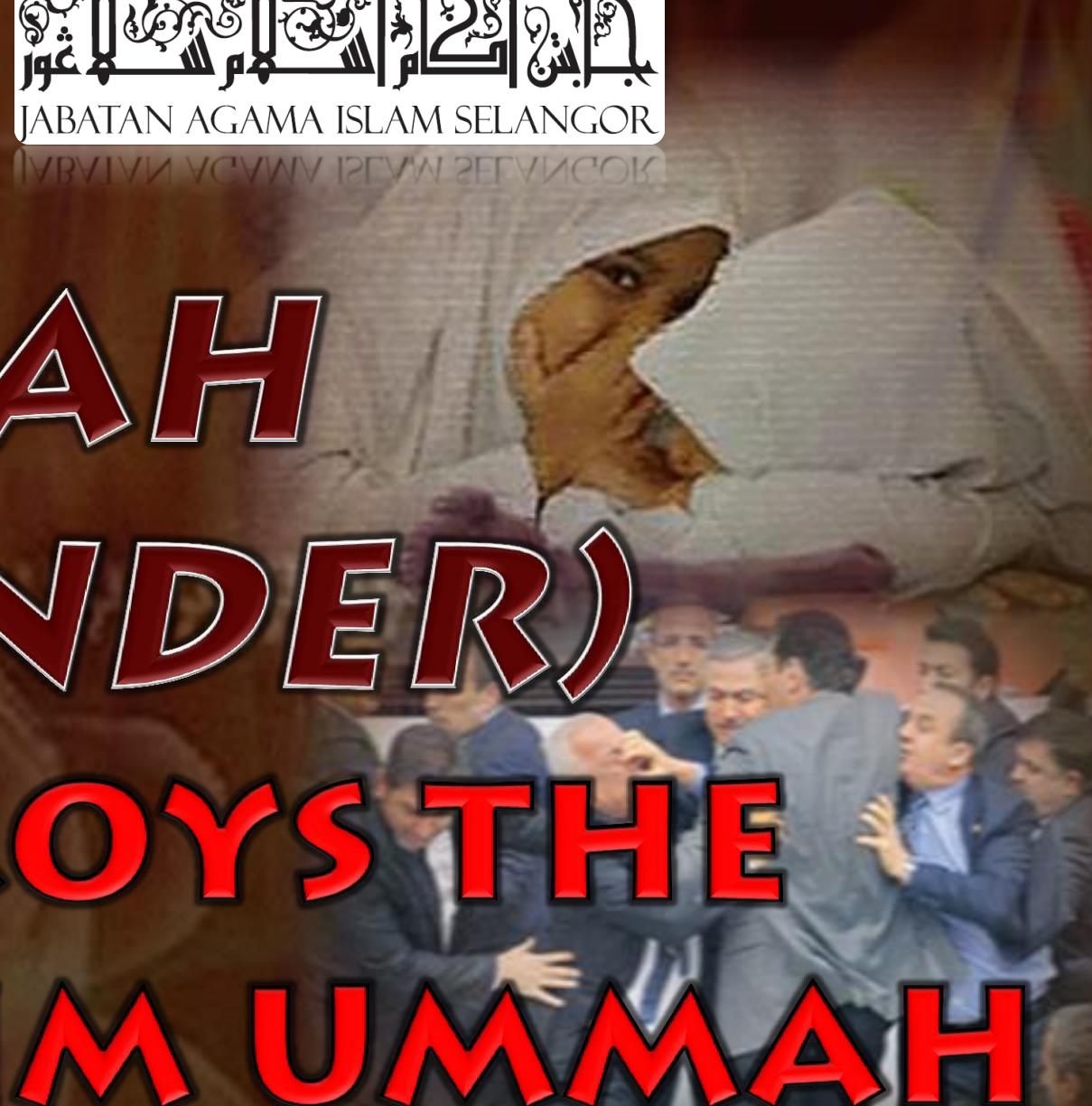




**FITNAH  
(SLANDER)  
DESTROYS THE  
MUSLIM UMMAH**

A photograph showing a group of men in a crowded setting. Some are wearing traditional Islamic headgear such as ghutras and agals. They appear to be in a state of distress, with one man in the foreground having his hands clasped near his face. The background is dark and out of focus.



**Let us strive to increase our  
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* with full  
obedience, certainty, and  
sincerity. That is by  
performing all of His**

**Commands and avoiding  
all of His prohibitions.**

**May we become those  
having *taqwa*, attaining  
success and salvation in  
this world and the  
Hereafter.**

The title of today's  
*khutbah* is  
**"FITNAH  
DESTROYS THE  
MUSLIM UMMAH"**

***Fitnah* is referred to as accusations that are invented whether in the form of pictures, news, stories, and others that can degrade or destroy an individual, institution, group or its like.**

In this modern age and era of technology, the spread of *fitnah* can be easily done whether verbally, through short messaging service (SMS), e-mail, websites or blogs, WhatsApp, Facebook,

**instagram, and others. The spread of *fitnah* would happen so quick, widespread, and easily accessible without the urge to verify the information received, that before you know it, without**

**hesitation, it would gets  
conveyed to others. Such  
behavior is strictly  
prohibited in Islam. Islam  
teaches its adherents to  
scrutinize and verify all  
news received before being**

spread to others, especially from those that are *faasiq* (disobeys the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*). Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

*“O you who have believed,  
if there comes to you a  
disobedient one with  
information, investigate,  
lest you harm a people out  
of ignorance and become,  
over what you have done,*

*regretful.”*

(*Al-hujuraat 49:6*)

Based on this verse, it becomes **waajib** upon every Muslim to scrutinize all information received so as to not become involved in

**spreading calumny (*fitnah*). Every news received must be verified first of its authenticity. The wisdom and sanity of mind is very important in being utilized to ensure that one is not easily**

**duded by *fitnah*-like news.**  
**The evil culture of**  
**slander, spreading, and**  
**sharing *fitnah*, along with**  
**modern day terminologies**  
**such as “share” and “like”**  
**are actually something that**  
**is**

vile and abhorred in Islam, even categorized as a major sin in Islam.

Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

*“Indeed, those who like  
that immorality should be  
spread [or publicized]  
among those who have  
believed will have a  
painful punishment in this  
world and the Hereafter.*

**And Allah knows and  
you do not know.”**

**(an-Noor 24:19)**

**Spreading lies, slandering others, and its sort whether known or not are deemed as wicked behavior, when one would mention the evil of a person without prior investigation.**

**The slanderer would normally mention “I heard that”, “rumor”, or “viral”. However, when such information is conveyed from a person to another, continuously repeated,**

**then it is as if the  
unverified information has  
become factual and true.  
Why is *fitnah* deemed as  
evil with severe warning by  
Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* and considered a**

**heavy sin? Among the admonition and sins regarding *fitnah* and the one spreading *fitnah* mentioned in al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah are:**

**1. For the accuser or slanderer who are unable to produce witness for their accusation (*fitnah*), Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* has commanded for them to be punished with 80 lashes.**

**Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala  
mentions in al-Qur'an:**

**“And those who accuse  
chaste women and then  
do not produce four  
witnesses - lash them  
with eighty**

*lashes and do not  
accept from them  
testimony ever after.*

*And those are the  
defiantly  
disobedient.”*

*(an-Noor 24:4)*

**2. The slanderer and backbiter are deemed as the most desppicable of human being.**

**Asmaa' bint Yazeed  
*radiyAllaahu'anha* reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said:**

*... “Shall I tell you who is  
the worst of you?” “Yes,”  
they replied. He said,  
“Those who go about  
slandering, causing  
mischief between friends  
in order to separate them,*

*and desiring to lead  
the innocent into  
wrong action.”*

*(Ahmad and al-Bukhaari's al-  
Adab al-Mufrad; hasan)*

**3. Slander and backbiting are likened to eating the flesh of one's own brother. Indeed, no sensible person would be willing to eat the flesh of another person, what more with his own brother's**

flesh. Allah Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala mentions in al-  
Qur'an:

*“O you who have  
believed, avoid much  
[negative] assumption.  
Indeed, some assumption  
is sin. And do*

*not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance*

***and Merciful.”***

***(al-hujuraat 49:12)***

**4. The slanderer and  
backbiter will be severely  
punished in the grave.  
Narrated ibn ‘Abbaas**

*radiyAllaahu'anhu'ma:*

Rasulullah ﷺ passed by

two graves and said:

*“Both of them (persons  
in the grave) are being  
tortured, and they are  
not being tortured for a  
major*

*sin. This one used not to  
save himself from being  
soiled with his urine, and  
the other used to go about  
with calumnies (among  
the people to rouse  
hostilities)..."*

*(al-Bukhaari)*

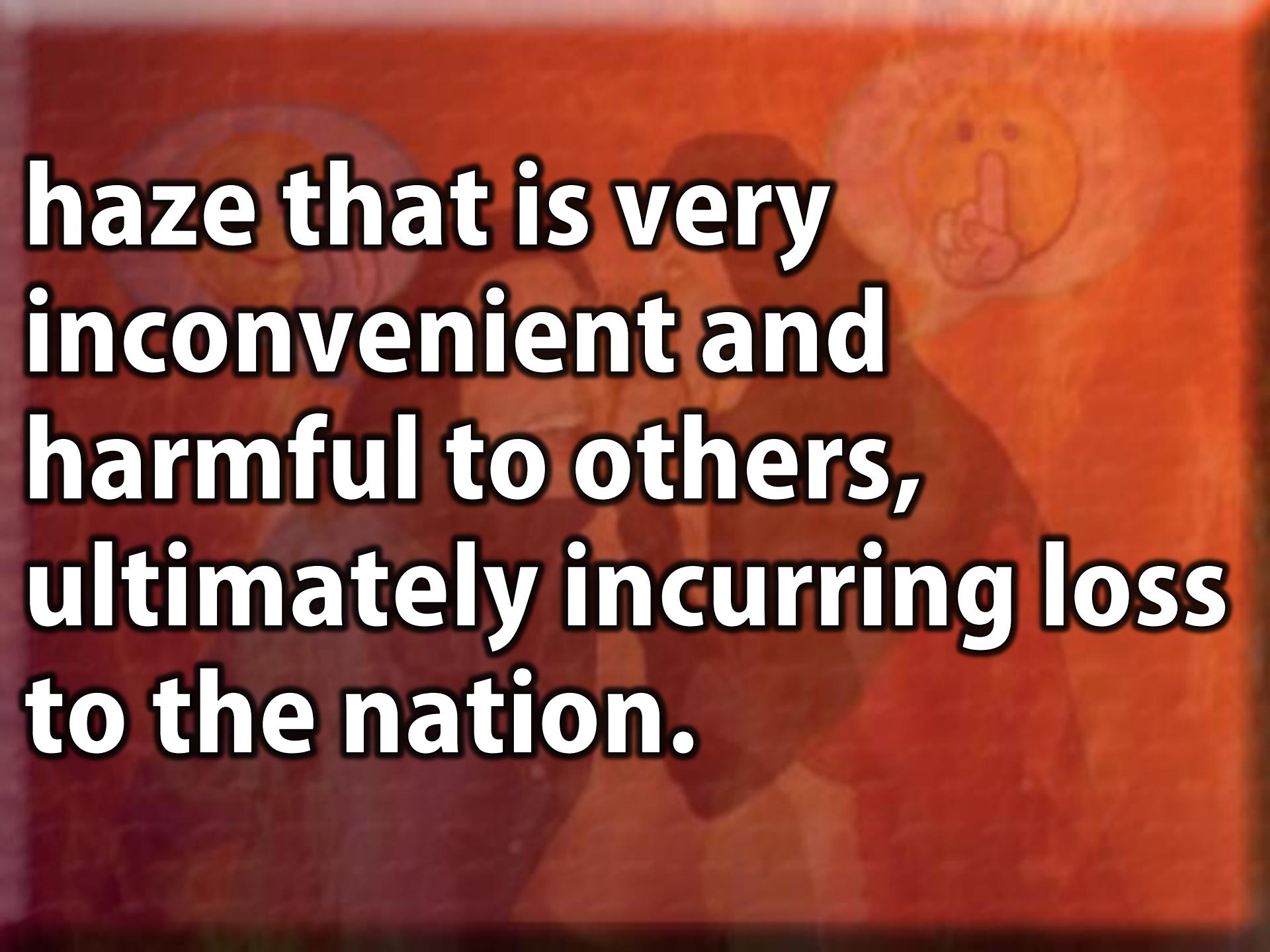
**Aside from the severe warning and sins upon the *fitnah* and those spreading the *fitnah* as mentioned in the *Shara'*, *fitnah* also causes harm within community living. Among them:**

**1. The sins committed by  
the one who defames and  
the one that spreads the  
*fitnah* are deemed as sins  
committed against others.  
These sins will not be  
forgiven unless if the one**

**being slandered forgives such act.**

**2. *Fitnah* disunites the household and destroys the community. It is due to *fitnah* that the relationship between siblings, spouses,**

**neighbors, and others  
would sever and further  
leads to everlasting enmity.  
Moreover, spreading *fitnah*  
is akin to the raging fire  
burning peat soil,  
spreading quickly, in the  
end causing**

A photograph of a person from the side, wearing a light-colored face mask. They are holding a small, round yellow pot containing a green plant with two leaves. The background is a warm, orange-toned surface.

**haze that is very  
inconvenient and  
harmful to others,  
ultimately incurring loss  
to the nation.**

**3. *Fitnah* is usually spread with the intent to degrade individuals or groups. Such attitude intends for them to stand out above others, thinking that they are better or more qualified compared**

to the one being slandered. It is worth noting that many of those involved in spreading *fitnah* actually have no interest such wickedness. But since such evil deed has become a habit, it provides a

**sense of pleasure to the  
doer even though it is vile.**

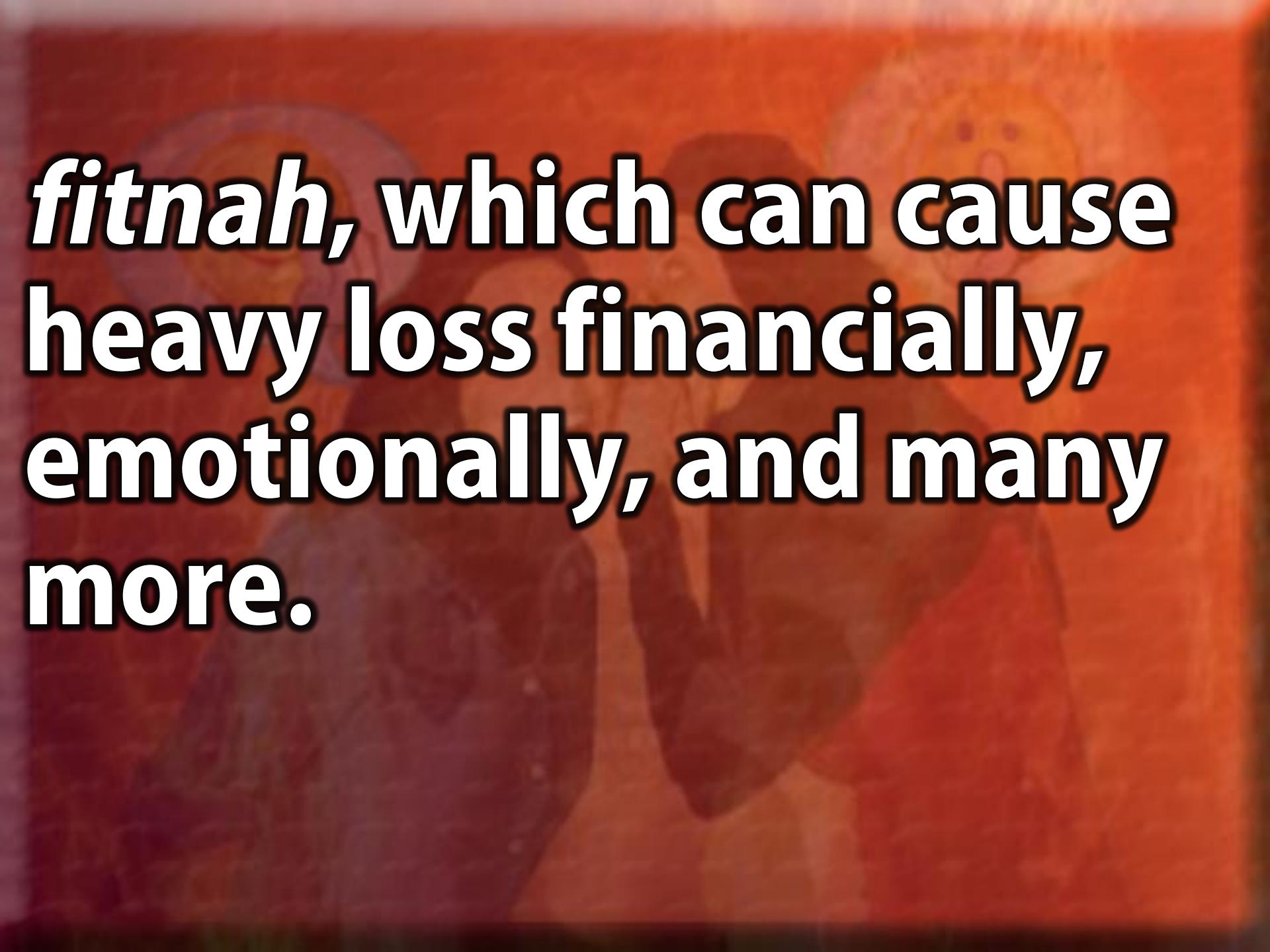
**4. The culture of slandering  
can disrupt the nation's  
stability and peace.**

**Therefore, do not allow  
one's own self, the family,**

and the surrounding community to become a tool or agent in creating and spreading *fitnah* that can create chaos and threaten the nation's stability.

**5. *Fitnah* can tarnish the dignity of an individual or group; similarly it can cause tremendous financial loss.**

**This is because a defamation lawsuit can be thrown against the one spreading**



***fitnah*, which can cause heavy loss financially, emotionally, and many more.**

The lessons and *tawjeehaat* (directive guiding rules) that we can suggest from today's *khutbah* are:

1. The Muslim *ummah* is prohibited from creating and spreading *fitnah* because it is

**from among the major sins  
that are greatly  
condemned by Allah and  
His Messenger.**

**2. It behoove every Muslim  
to investigate every piece  
of news that they receive  
especially those deemed as**

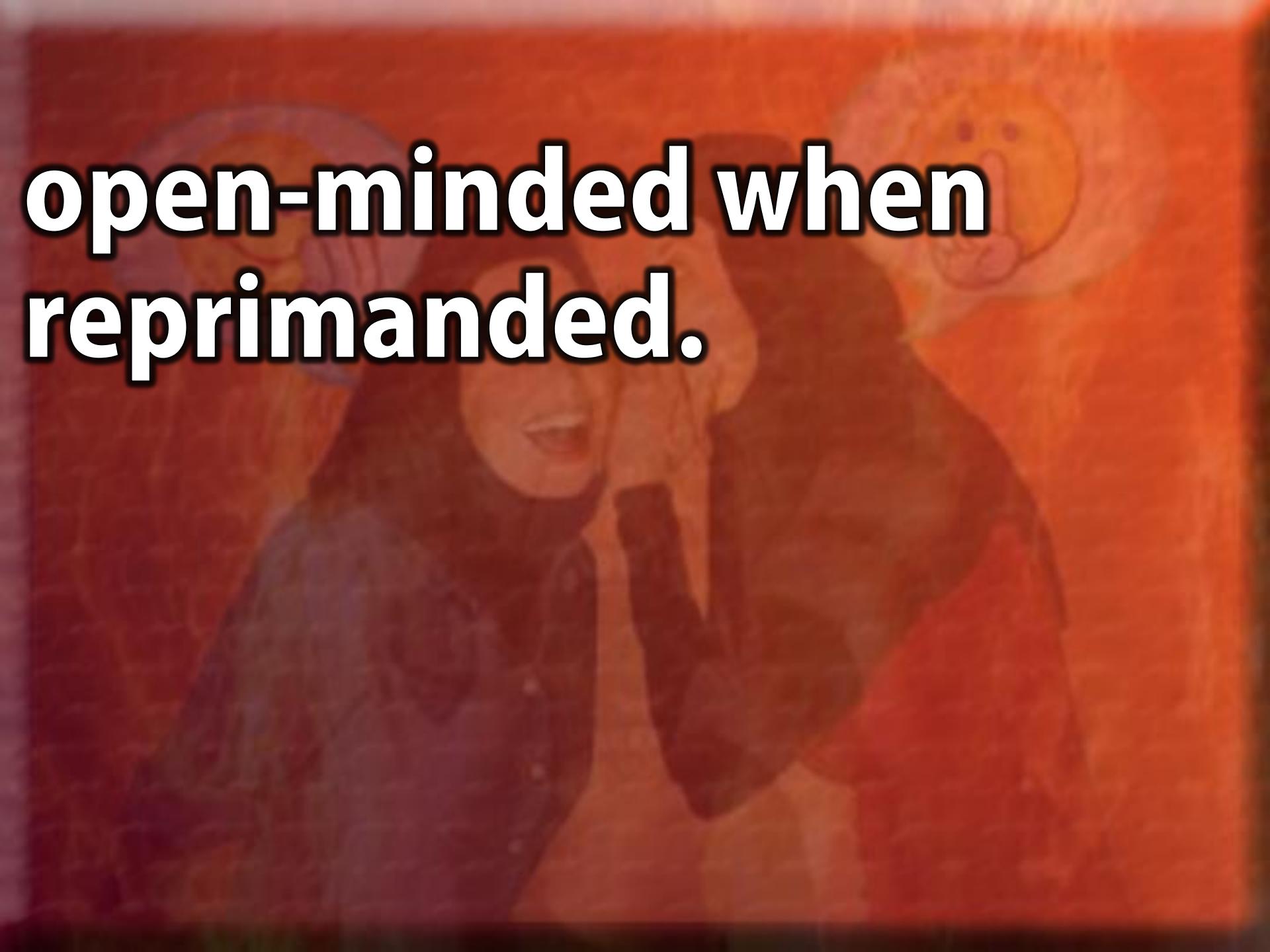
**“rumors” or “hearsay” so as to not be involved with defamatory news. Instead, one should expunge it straightaway.**

**3. The Muslim *ummah* should avoid the culture of**

spreading *fitnah* for it is evil and will destroy the harmony within the household, corrupting the society, and disrupting the nation's stability and peace.

4. The Muslim *ummah* must

**realize that every conflict  
and confusion cannot be  
resolved through the  
culture of slandering.  
Instead, we must remain  
humble, tolerant, forgiving  
upon all mistakes, and  
remain**



**open-minded when  
reprimanded.**

*“And fear a trial which  
will not strike those  
who have wronged  
among you exclusively,  
and know that Allah is  
severe in penalty.”*

*(al-Anfaal 8:25)*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ  
وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تَلَاقَتْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ  
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ  
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ  
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its**

**consequences will only disrupt  
the harmony, unity, and  
security of the Muslim ummah  
and our nation. Extremism will  
only give negative impression  
upon the nobility and holiness  
of al-Islam. On the contrary,  
the Muslim**

**ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah( ﷺ ) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy**

A large, intense orange and yellow fire dominates the upper half of the image, casting a warm glow over a dense crowd of people. In the lower-left foreground, two young girls are shown from the side, their faces filled with awe and concern as they look upwards. The crowd consists of many adults and children, all directed towards the same point of light and heat.

**for the entire nation and  
universe.**

**O Allah, You are the Lord that  
is All Mighty, we are grateful  
to You for having bestowed  
upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*,  
that we are able to continue  
the effort in empowering the  
Muslim *ummah* especially in  
Selangor, as an**

**advanced state, prosperous,  
and providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech  
you, O Allah, strengthen our  
*imaan*, accept our deeds,  
strengthen our unity, increase  
our *rizq*, enrich us with**

**beneficial knowledge, cultivate  
our soul with good mannerisms,  
return us to the path that you  
are pleased with, protect us  
from disasters and your severe  
trials, so that our nation will  
become more peaceful and filled  
with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from deeds and 'aqeedah that are astray such as the extreme *Shee'is*, *Qadiyani*, and other ideologies.**

**O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have**

**made *waqf* and gave up their wealth for *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.**

**O Allah, increase and widen  
the *rizq* of those that made  
*waqf* from their wealth with  
perpetual rewards until the  
Last Day.**



*DISEDIAKAN OLEH:*

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