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# INDEPENDENCE ACCORDING TO THE ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE



I implore all of us to strive in  
increasing our *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* by  
performing all of His  
Commands and leaving out all  
of His prohibitions.

Let us increase our *dhikr* of  
Allah Subhaanahu  
*Wata'aala* and *salawaat*  
and salaam upon our  
beloved Muhammad  
*sallAllahu 'alayhi  
wasallam.*

Let us strive hard to implement his *sunnah* in our daily lives, as much as possible. Truly we sincerely hope that our sincere efforts will profit us in this world and the Hereafter.



The title of today's  
khutbah is

*“Independence  
According To The  
Islamic Perspective.”*

Freedom in Islam is a *ni‘mah*  
bestowed upon mankind on  
this earth by Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*

However, this *ni‘mah* is not  
thoroughly felt by all. Hence  
we see and hear about how

certain lands and people are colonized by others, as in the case of Palestine. How certain people are driven out of their own lands, living in exile, like our Rohingya Muslim brethren.

Furthermore, those that  
are treated as slaves,  
smuggled and bargained  
like commodities all for  
mere worldly gain. These  
are true manifestations

that some of us are not  
truly entitled to the *ni‘mah*  
of liberty and freedom, as  
we are enjoying fully in  
this blessed nation,  
*walhamdulillah.*

Independence or liberty that is commonly understood by many is freedom from being colonized by foreign or external powers. For that reason, we find the citizens of this country celebrate

their Independence Day annually on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. However, the question remains, what is the actual definition of independence as deemed in Islam?

It is clear and obvious, that  
Islam is a *deen* that is  
founded upon *tawheed*,  
revealed to liberate mankind  
from the shackles of  
enslavement to the creation  
unto the servitude to

The Almighty *Subhaanahu*

*Wata 'aala*. Hence, true

freedom and independence is

attained when mankind solely

follows the guidance and

surrenders whole-heartedly

their soul to Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.*

Allah Subhaanahu  
Wata ‘aala mentions in al-  
Qur’ an:  
“Say, “This is my way; I  
invite to Allah with  
insight, I and those who

follow me. And exalted  
is Allah; and I am not of  
those who associate others  
with Him.””

(Yoosuf: 12:108)

This verse explains how mankind will only attain salvation when they receive the guidance from Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* and His Messenger. On the other hand, those that denounce

and shun away from the  
guidance of Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*, their  
lives will be filled with  
heedlessness, which will  
ultimately lead to their own  
destruction.

In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Umar  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*, the  
Messenger of Allah  
*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*  
said:

**“I have been ordered to  
fight against the people**

until they testify that  
there is none worthy of  
worship except Allah  
and that Muhammad is  
the Messenger of Allah,  
and until they establish

the *salaah* and pay the *zakaah*. And if they do that then they will have gained protection from me for their lives and property, unless [they

commit acts that are punishable] in Islam, and their reckoning will be with Allah the Almighty.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Islam never hinders  
mankind's own liberty and  
freedom. On the contrary,  
such freedom must be  
properly utilized in seeking  
**His Pleasure *Subhaanahu***  
***Wata 'aala.***

Therefore, those that attempt  
to free themselves from  
Islamic obligations are in  
reality not from among those  
having attained  
independence but instead are  
those that are constantly

engaged in war with Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* and  
His Messenger.

The question of  
independence today is not  
only concerning the freedom  
from foreign colonization,

but more importantly is the freedom of the mind and thoughts of the Muslims themselves. This is such because even after 55 years of independence, there are many within our society

having corrupted *akhlaaq*.

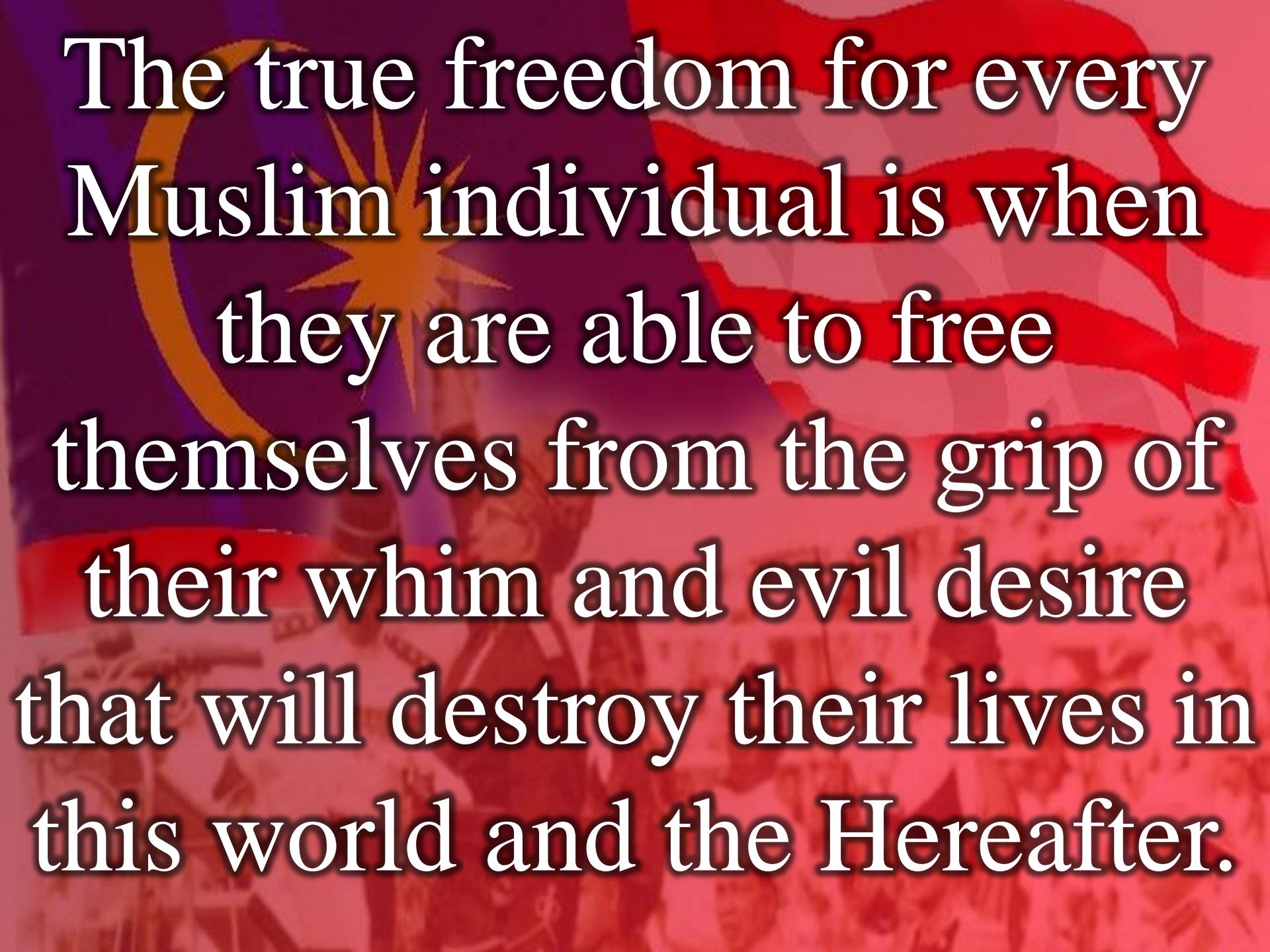
Many within our society still glorify the un-Islamic way of life, many still with their minds enslaved with ideologies and isms of the Jews and Christians.

Such truthfulness in the  
revelation of Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* in al-  
Qur’ān:

“And never will the Jews or  
the Christians approve of  
you until you follow their  
religion...”

(al-Baqarah 2:120)



The true freedom for every Muslim individual is when they are able to free themselves from the grip of their whim and evil desire that will destroy their lives in this world and the Hereafter.

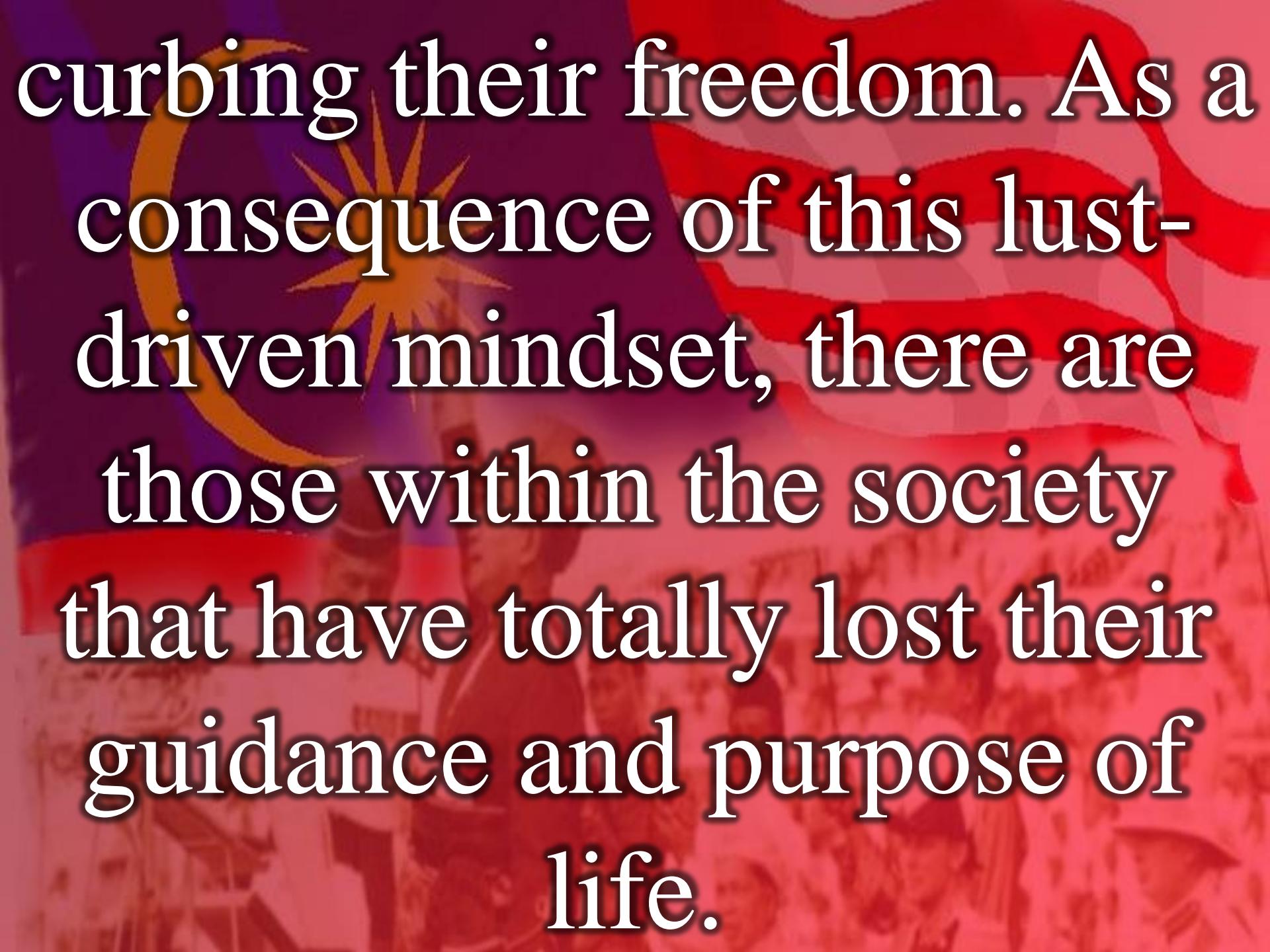
For as long as our minds  
are directed to committing  
acts that are prohibited by

*Allah Subhaanahu*

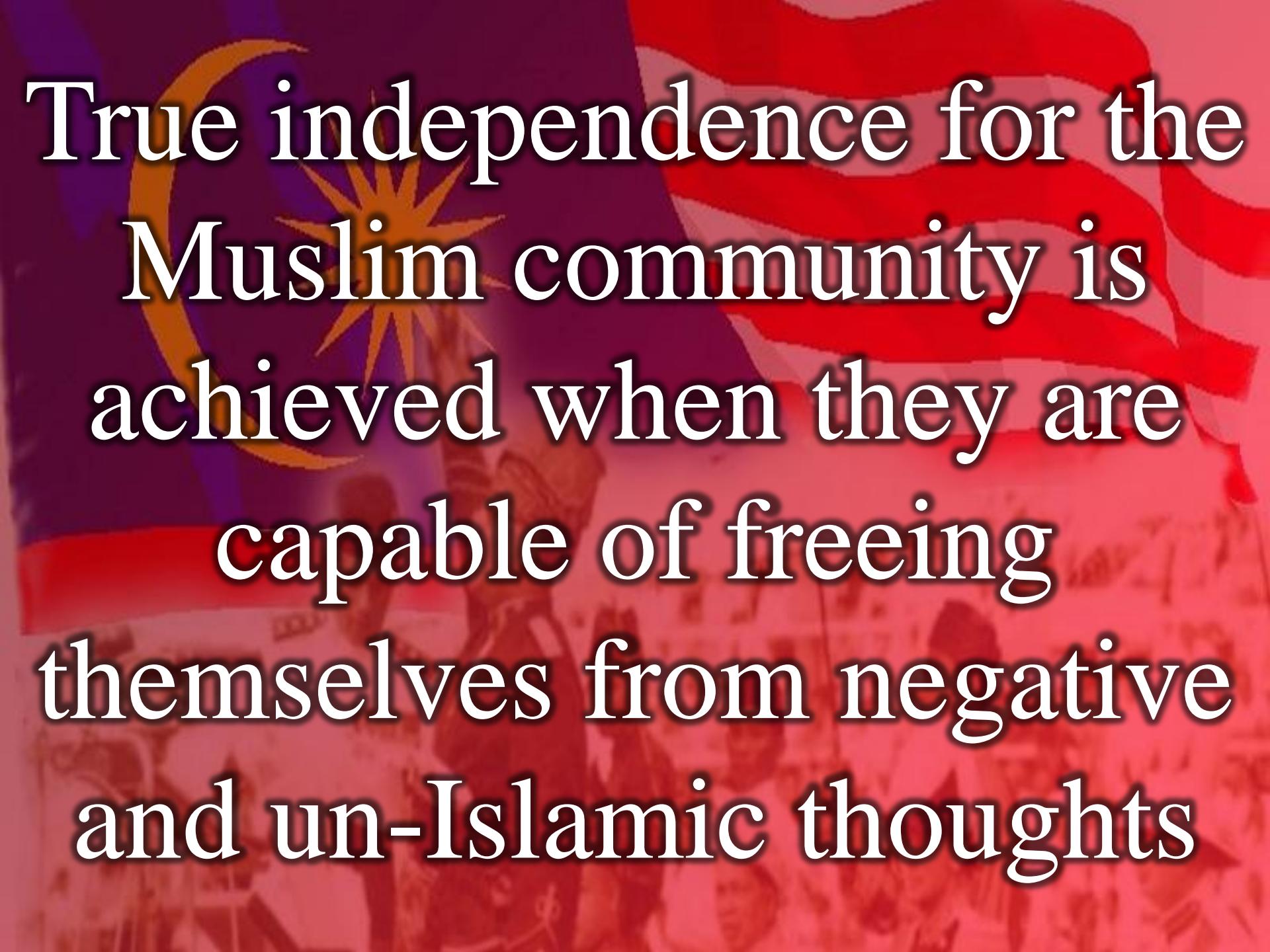
*Wata ‘aala*, then it is clear  
that we have not yet attain  
true independence.

The meaning of independence in the un-Islamic perspective is to totally and absolutely free oneself from any form of bond or ties to regulations (laws) and religion.

They want to have the liberty to commit *zina*, consume intoxicants, gamble, perform illegal racing, and many more. To them, regulations and religion are mere tools by certain quarters in



curbing their freedom. As a consequence of this lust-driven mindset, there are those within the society that have totally lost their guidance and purpose of life.

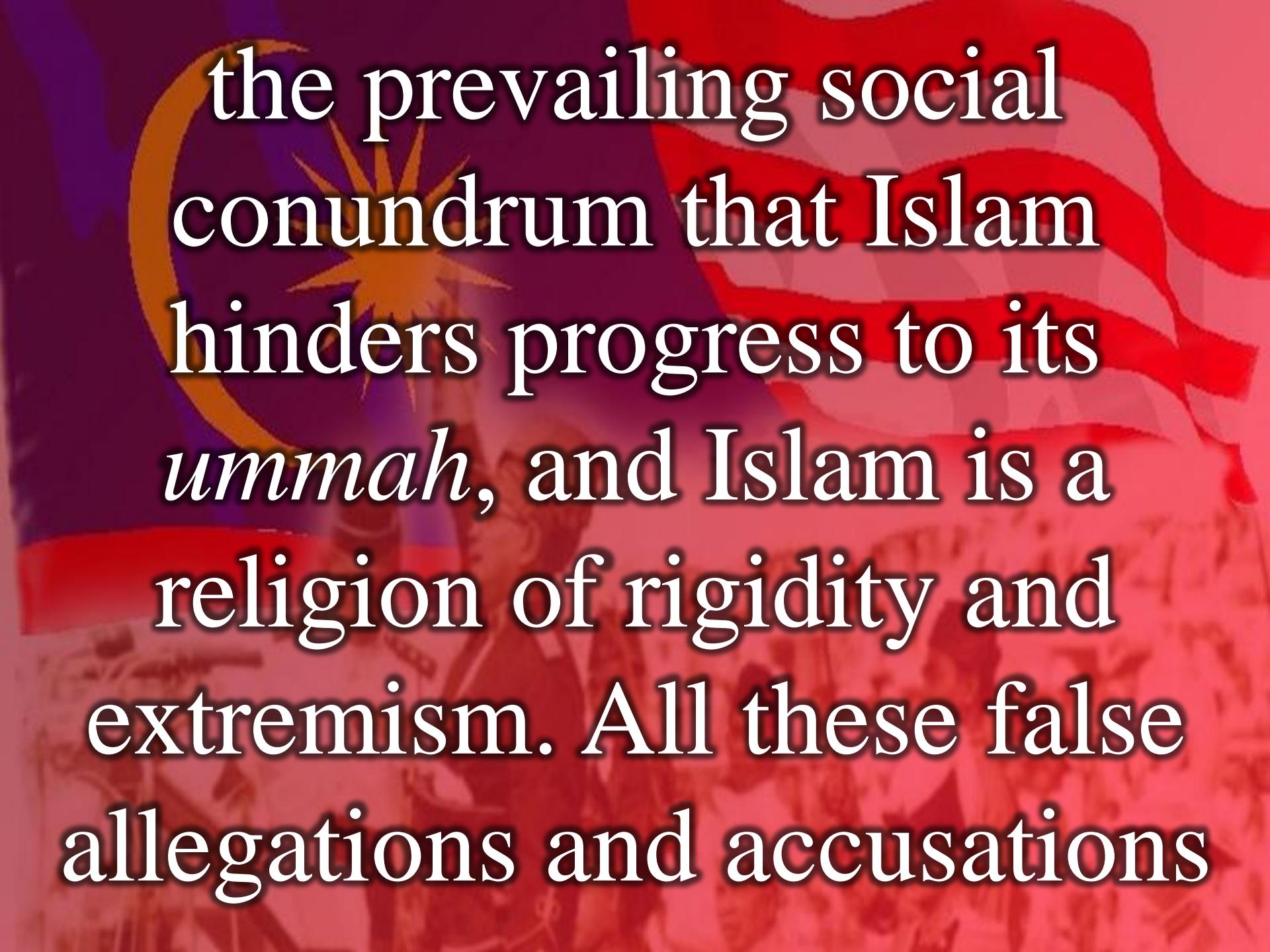


True independence for the  
Muslim community is  
achieved when they are  
capable of freeing  
themselves from negative  
and un-Islamic thoughts

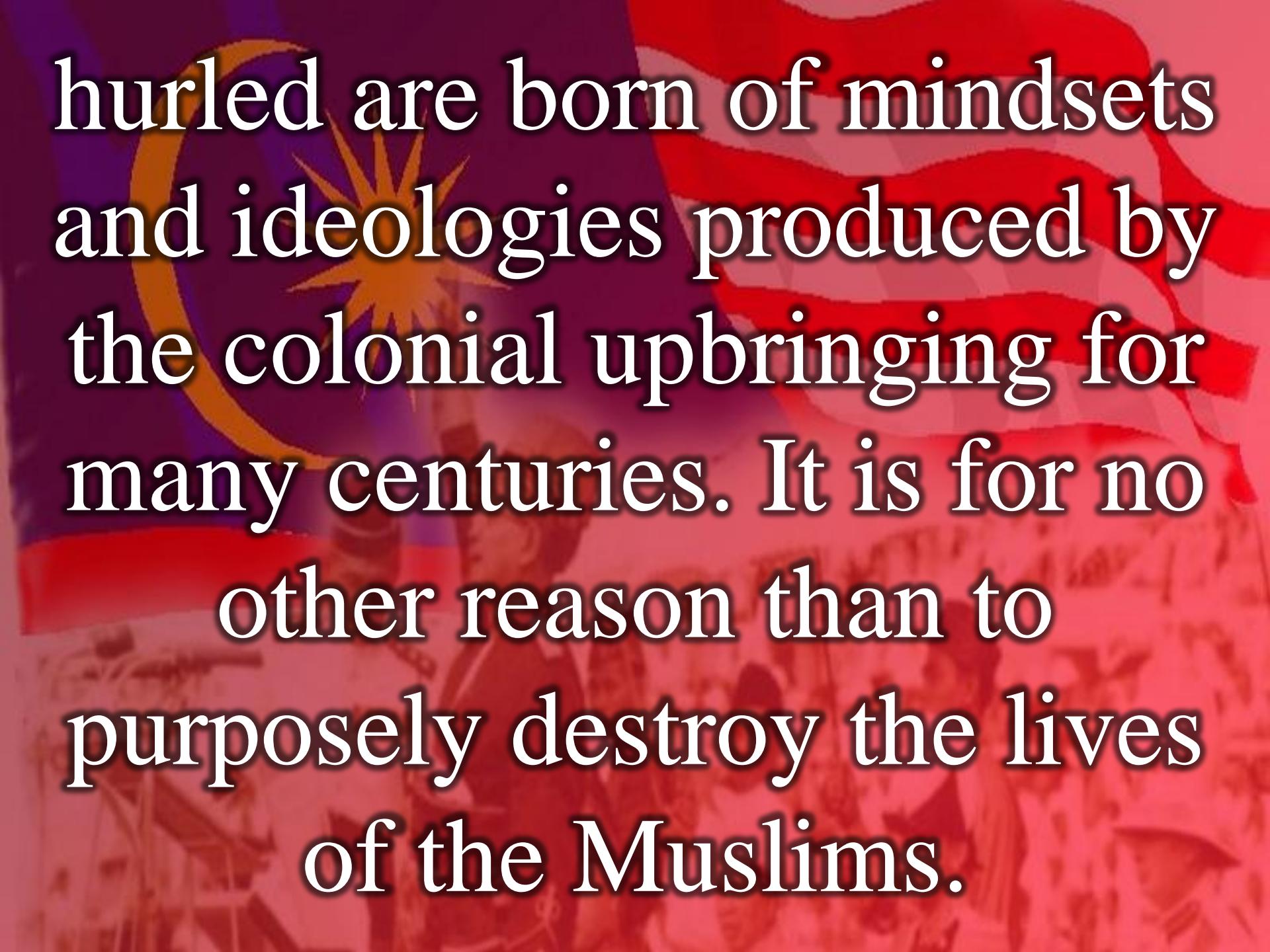
that are widely spewed by the various forms of media. In the end, we find many Muslims nowadays whom view Islam as a very backward, archaic,

and antiquated religion.

They deem Islam  
deservingly kept only in  
the Masjid (Mosque) and  
Surau. They deem Islam  
incapable of addressing



the prevailing social conundrum that Islam hinders progress to its *ummah*, and Islam is a religion of rigidity and extremism. All these false allegations and accusations

The background features a photograph of a mosque with intricate architectural details under a sky transitioning from purple to orange and red. The text is overlaid on this image.

hurled are born of mindsets  
and ideologies produced by  
the colonial upbringing for  
many centuries. It is for no  
other reason than to  
purposely destroy the lives  
of the Muslims.

Moving on, in the context of a sovereign nation, Islam has stipulated that the *Sharee'ah* is the utmost law and regulations that must be used in a nation that is governed by the Muslims.

The leaders are those having bestowed *amaanah* upon them to uphold Islam and purifying it from any foreign influence. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’ an:

“[And they are] those  
who, if We give them  
authority in the land,  
establish prayer and  
give *zakaah* and enjoin  
what is right and

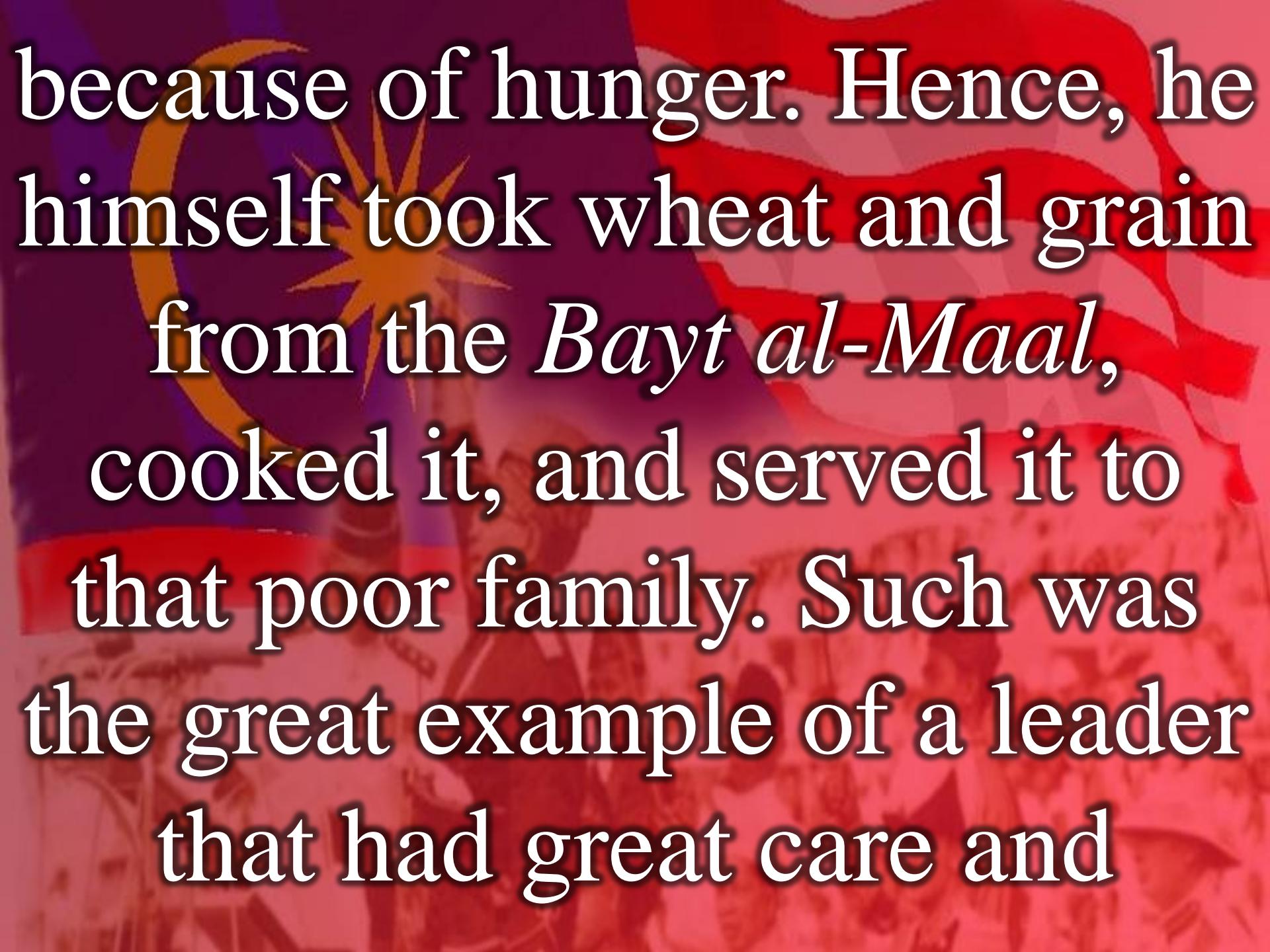
forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters.”

(al-Hajj 22:41)

The leader with an independent heart must free their minds from mentalities that only prioritize themselves, putting them first. On the contrary, the citizen and people are to be

put forth first for they are the responsibility of every leaders. For example, ‘Umar bin al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* was a leader that took great care upon the welfare of the masses.

In one occasion, in one night while he *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* secretly patrolled around the city, he heard the cries of young children. Upon further investigation, he found these young children crying



because of hunger. Hence, he himself took wheat and grain from the *Bayt al-Maal*, cooked it, and served it to that poor family. Such was the great example of a leader that had great care and

concern for the well being  
of the people rather than  
their own selves. It  
 behooves the leaders of  
 today to have the same  
 qualities that of ‘Umar ibn

al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu 'anh*. Not only should they be good in promising changes to the people, but more importantly to fulfill all those promises that had been made.

In conjunction with the  
independence  
celebration this year, it  
behooves us to take  
certain measures,  
namely:

1- Let us strive together to  
fully liberate our minds and  
thoughts from being  
colonized by ideologies and  
doctrines that are not upon  
the *Sharee'ah* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala.*



2- Let us practice upon the true authentic Islamic teachings.

3- Let us strive and put in effort to improve our socio-economic status so that we can further improve the

quality of life for the Muslims  
in this nation, and elsewhere.

4- Let us strive to increase  
our knowledge and expertise  
so that we can prevent  
misconstrued and deviant  
thoughts from affecting us.

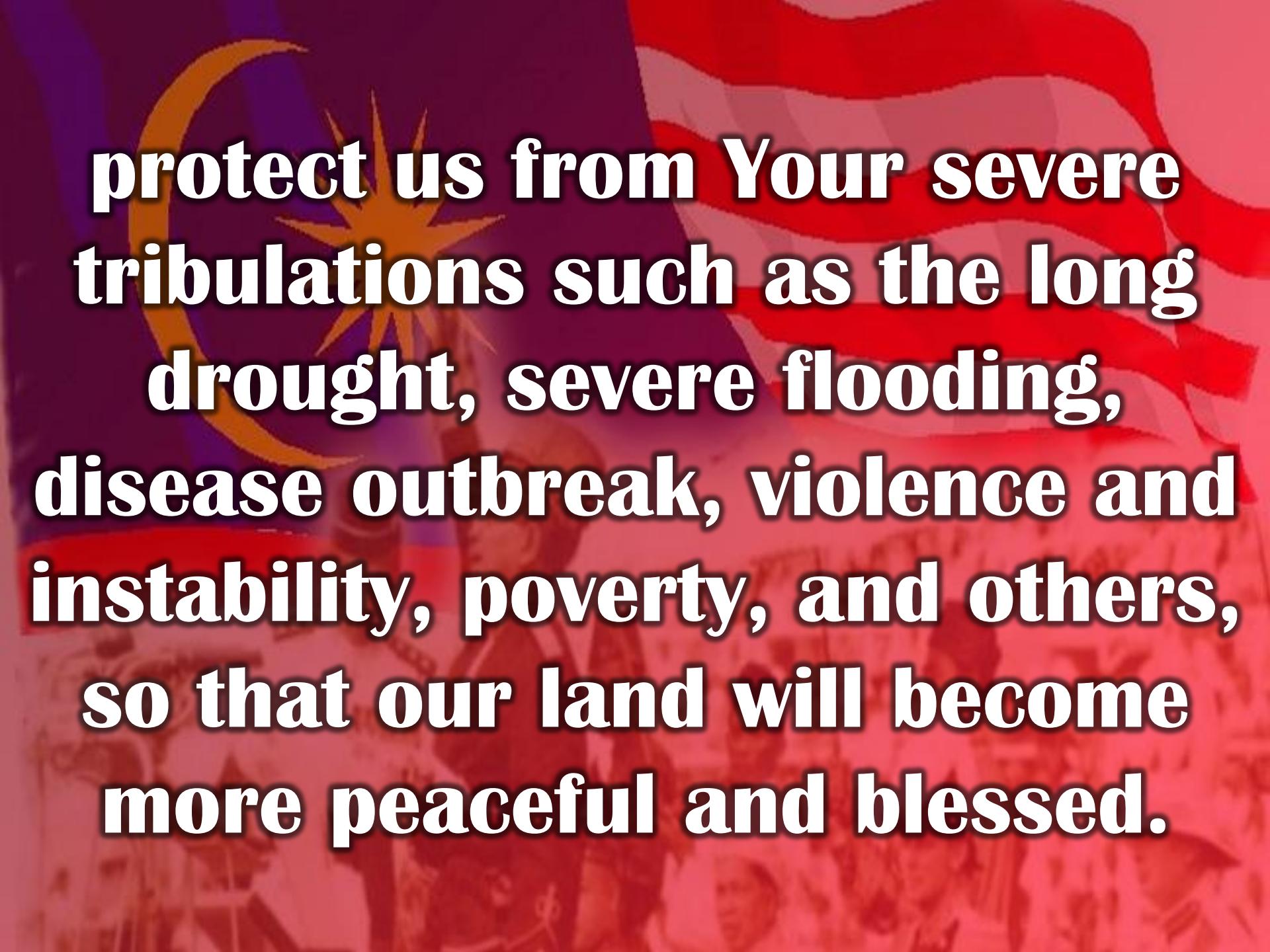
“Follow, [O mankind],  
what has been revealed to  
you from your Lord and  
do not follow other than  
Him any allies. Little do  
you remember.”

(al-A‘raaf 7:3)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْفُرْقَانِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُنَّهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty  
Lord, we are grateful unto You  
for having bestowed upon us  
Mercy and Blessings, nourishing  
us to strive to continue in  
strengthening the Muslim nation  
especially the state of Selangor,  
as an advanced, progressive,  
peaceful, and benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya  
Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*,  
increase our good deeds,  
strengthen our unity, increase  
our provision, enrich us with  
beneficial knowledge, nourish  
our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*,  
guide us to the Path that is  
Pleasing to You,



**protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.**

**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up  
the hearts of the Muslim *ummah*  
especially in Selangor, to fulfill  
their *zakaat* obligation as You  
had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless  
the lives of those who have  
fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation,  
loving and caring for the poor  
and needy.**

**Purify their wealth and soul so  
that they will live according to  
that which pleases You. Protect  
the poor and needy from  
disbelief and everlasting poverty.**

*Allaahumma ameen*



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