



جامعة إسلامية سلاغور
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

**EMBRACING
INDEPENDENCE
ACCORDING TO THE
ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE**



Let us strive to increase our
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* with full certainty
and sincerity, fulfilling all of
His Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.

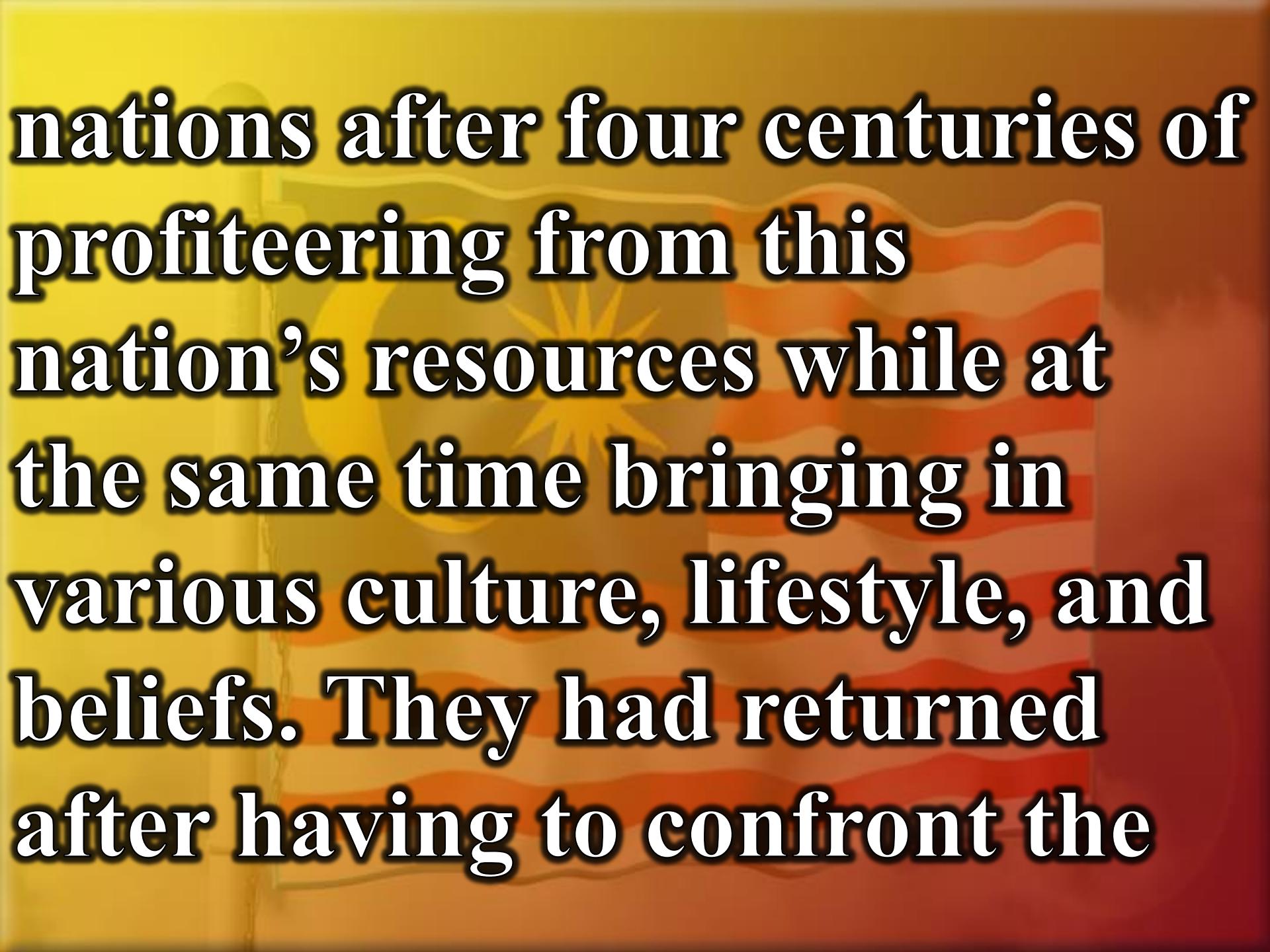
We truly hope to become
individuals having
utmost *taqwa* and *imaan*,
attaining salvation in this
world and the Hereafter.

The topic of today's
khutbah is: 'Embracing
Independence According
To The Islamic
Perspective.'

*Alhamdulillaah, today
citizens of Malaysia rejoice
and express their
gratefulness to Allah*

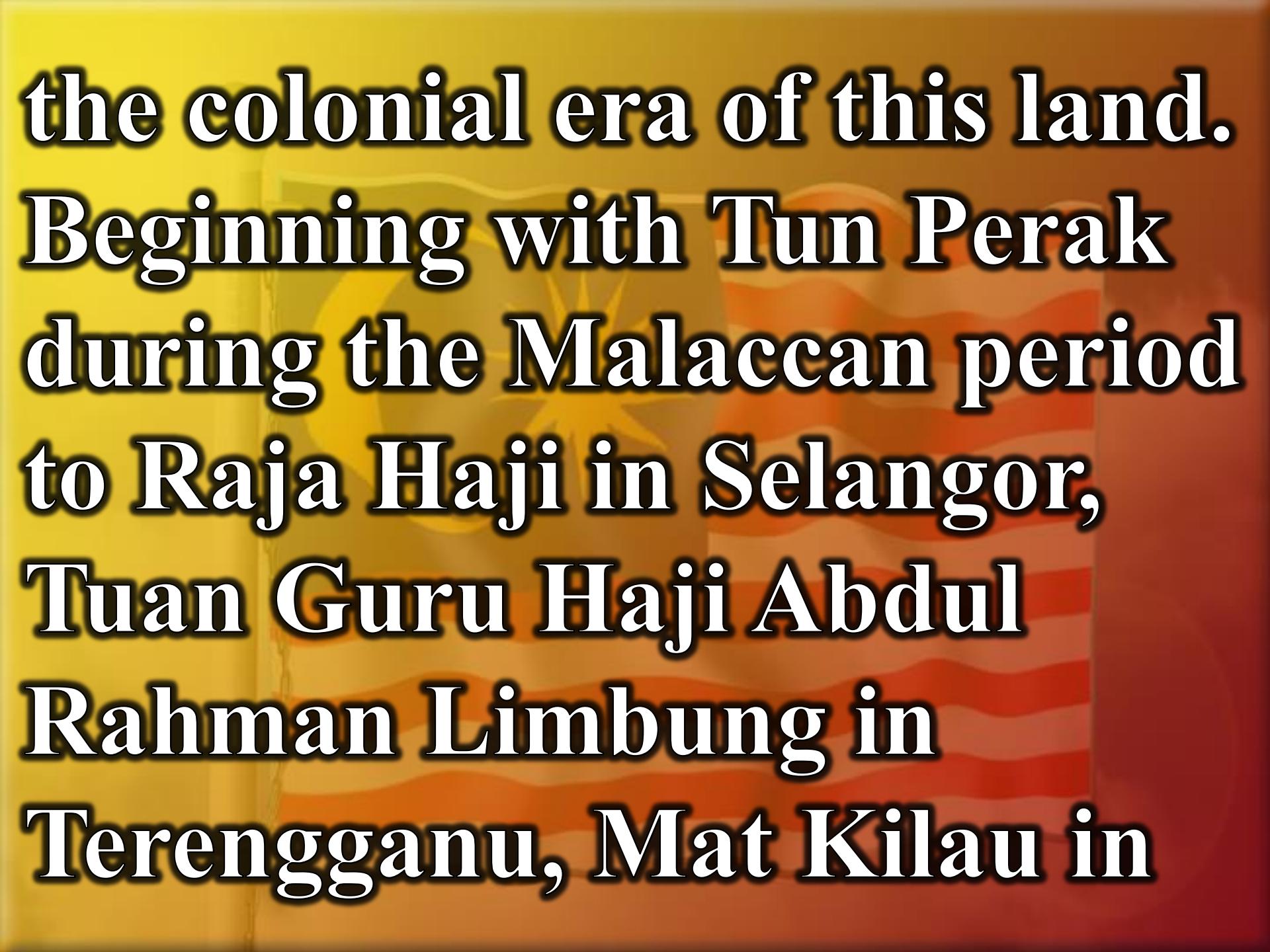
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala
upon the blessings of
Independence that they had

gained 58 years ago. Realize or not, the colonialists whether the British, Dutch, Japanese, Portuguese, and even the communists had militarily left our nation. They all had returned to their

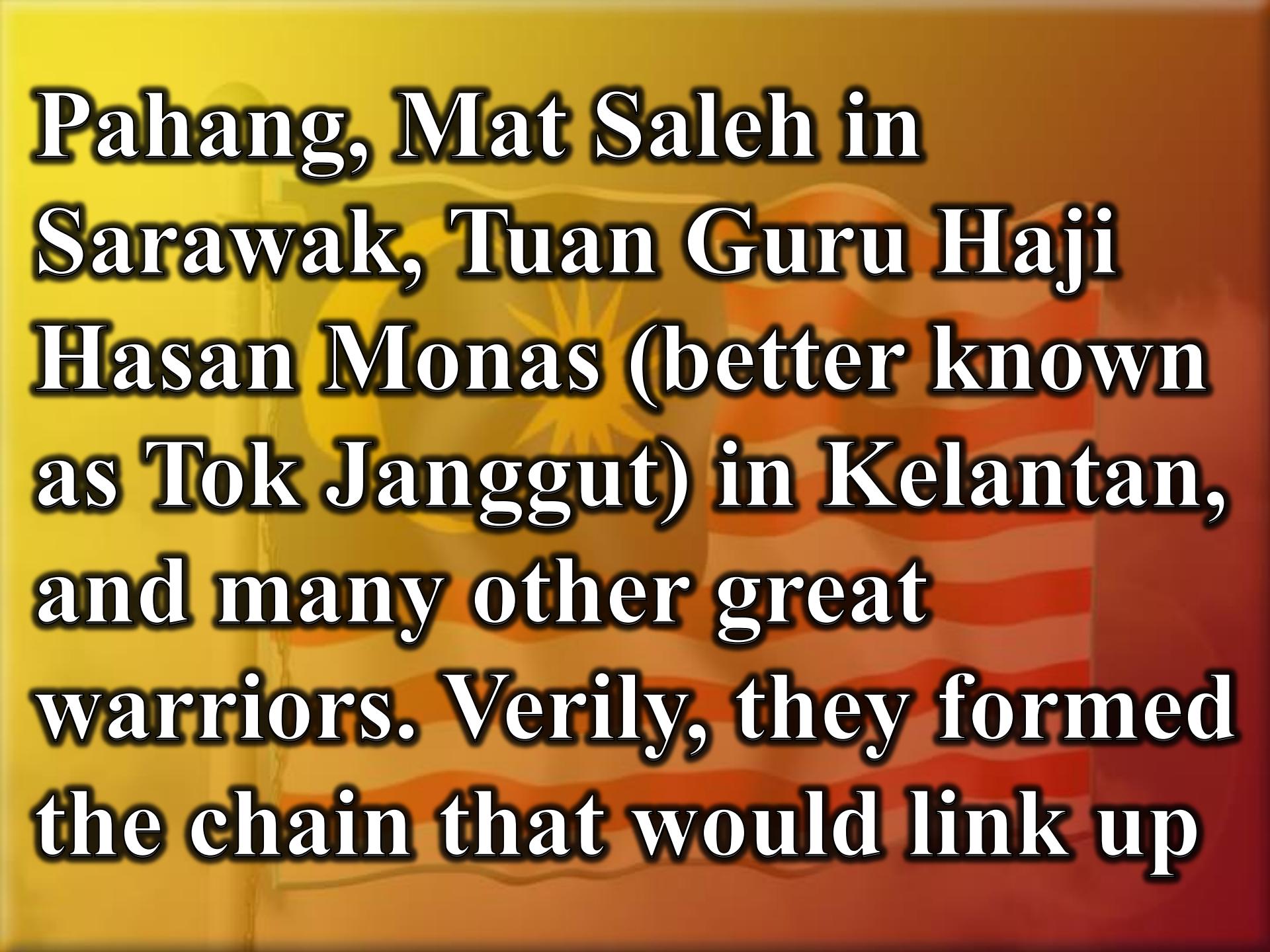


nations after four centuries of profiteering from this nation's resources while at the same time bringing in various culture, lifestyle, and beliefs. They had returned after having to confront the

**continuous struggle by the
natives of this land who
wanted to free this nation
and their beloved homeland.
Our nation's history is
carved with names of great
freedom fighters throughout**

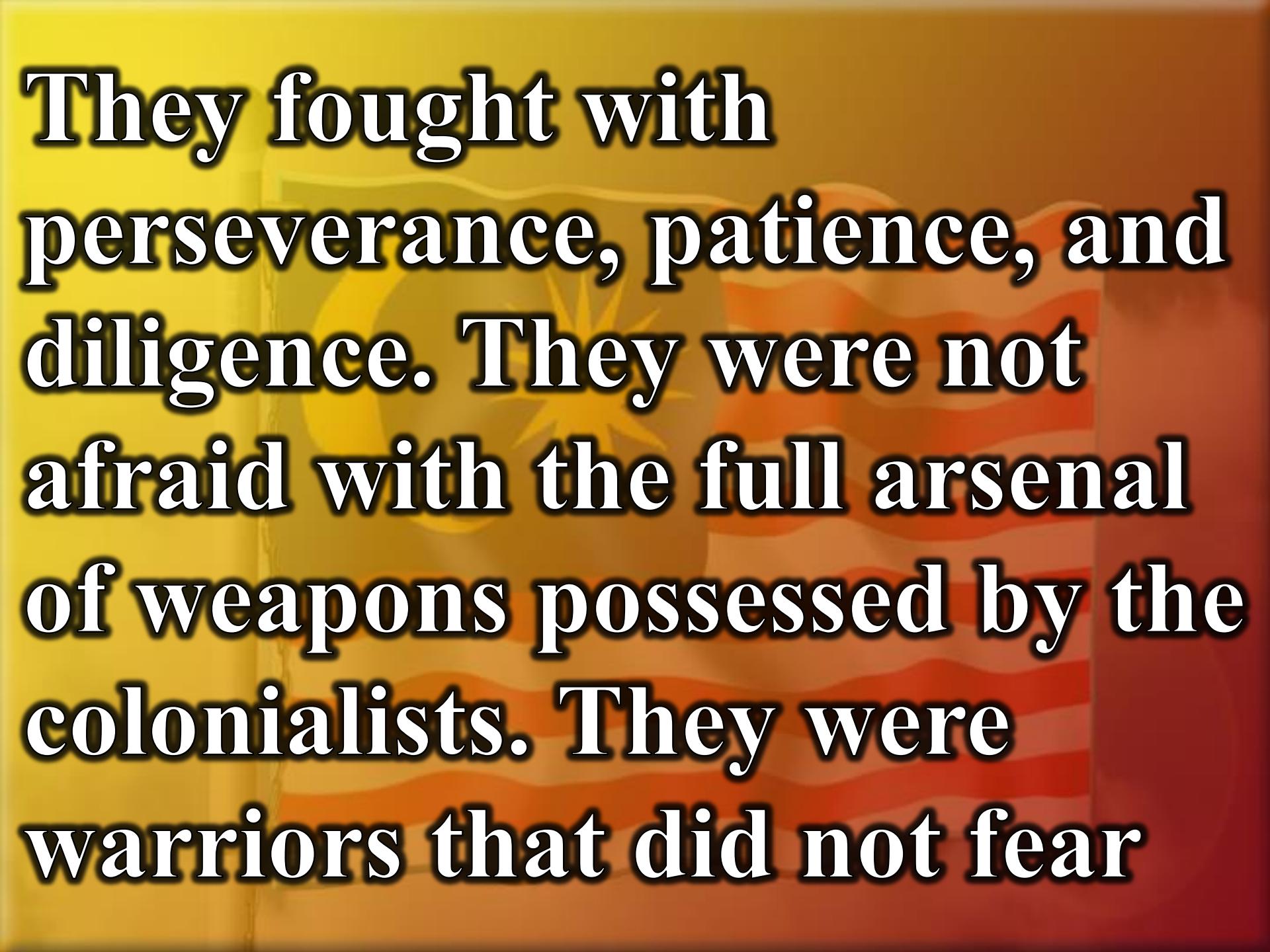


the colonial era of this land. Beginning with Tun Perak during the Malaccan period to Raja Haji in Selangor, Tuan Guru Haji Abdul Rahman Limbung in Terengganu, Mat Kilau in



Pahang, Mat Saleh in Sarawak, Tuan Guru Haji Hasan Monas (better known as Tok Janggut) in Kelantan, and many other great warriors. Verily, they formed the chain that would link up

to the struggle of Rasulullah
صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his Companions
whom had sacrificed their
lives and wealth in defending
the Islamic state in Madinah
and freeing Holy Makkah al-
Mukarramah.



**They fought with
perseverance, patience, and
diligence. They were not
afraid with the full arsenal
of weapons possessed by the
colonialists. They were
warriors that did not fear**

death for they had full
certainty upon the
promise of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentioned in al-Qur'an:

*“And never think of those
who have been killed in the
cause of Allah as dead.
Rather, they are alive with
their Lord, receiving
provision.”*

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:169)

**After half century since
our nation has attained
Independence, is such
struggle for Independence
no longer necessary? Has
our nation achieved
Independence in all aspects**

of lives? Indeed, this struggle is a struggle that is continuous for a lifetime. For us living in post-Independence era, we must be intelligent in continuing and strategizing the struggle

in a format that is truly beneficial to the nation and its citizen.

Wading through an era that is robust with information, the Malaysian citizens, especially the Muslims,

**must remain independent
and free from ignorance.
Malaysians especially the
Muslims must strive to attain
beneficial knowledge, for
knowledge is something that
will always thrive at a rapid**

pace.
The development of knowledge and technology should be dominated by the Muslim *ummah*. If the Muslims are slow and inattentive, then others

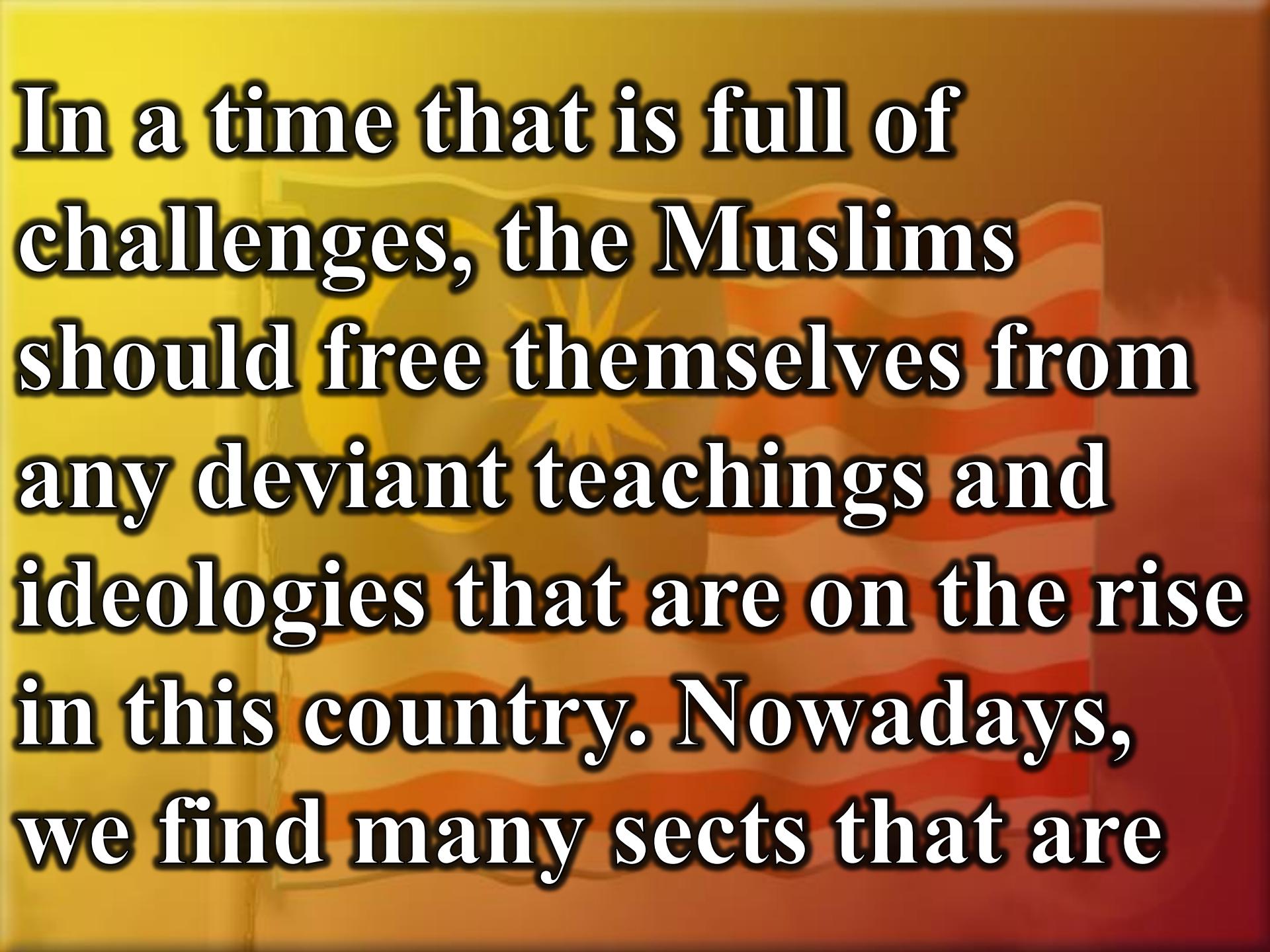
would advance and dominate. Hence, the Muslims will continue to become buyers and consumers, exposed to the risk of manipulation and fraud by the capitalists.

Therefore, the Muslim *ummah* must be diligent in mastering knowledge for it is obligated upon every Muslim. It was narrated from Anas ibn Maalik *radiyAllaahu'anhu* that

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

*“Seeking knowledge is
a duty upon every
Muslim...”*

*(ibn Maajah: da‘eef
with sound meaning)*

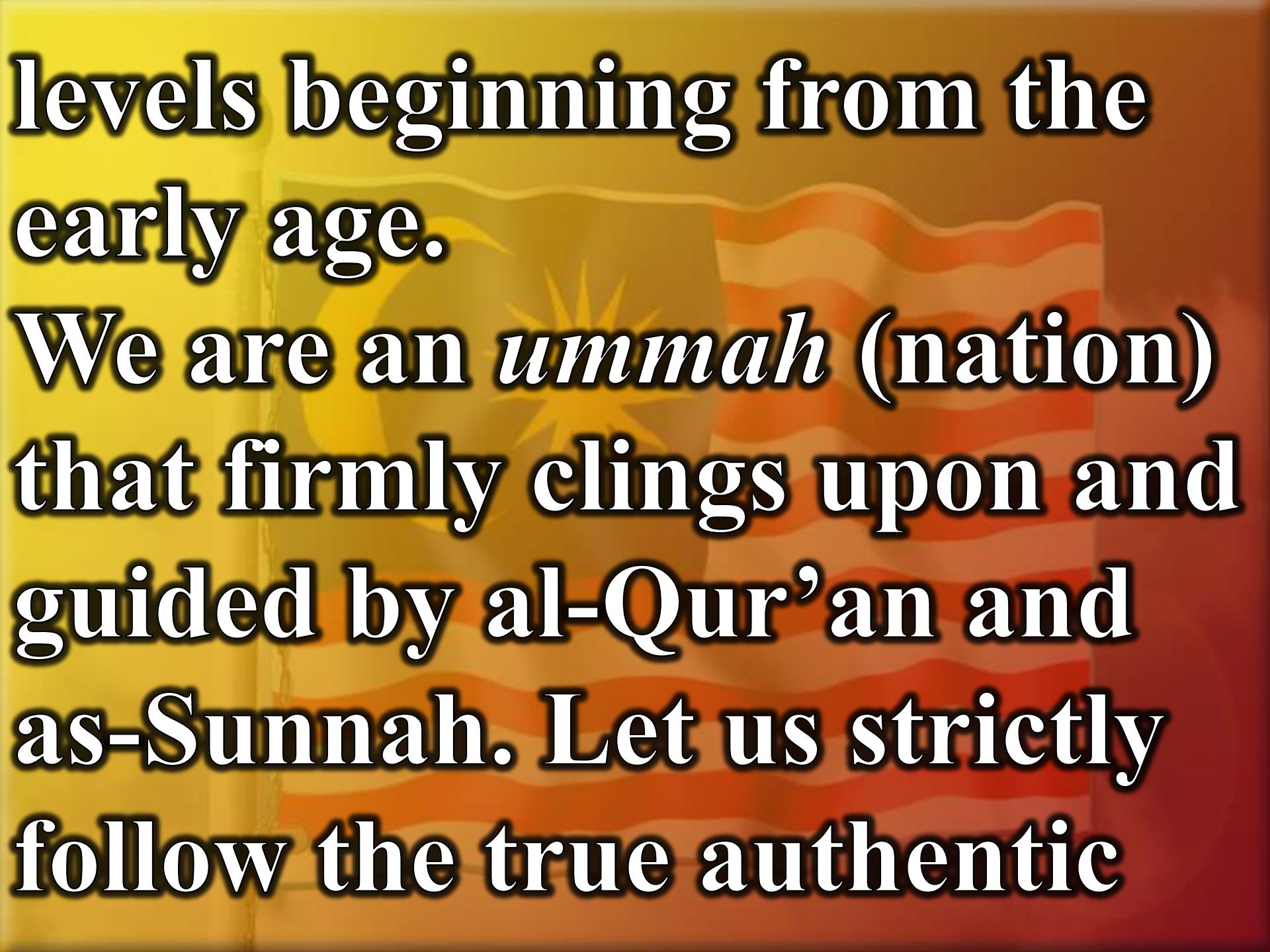


In a time that is full of challenges, the Muslims should free themselves from any deviant teachings and ideologies that are on the rise in this country. Nowadays, we find many sects that are

spreading heretical beliefs
and contradicting the
teachings of *Ahlus Sunnah*
Wal Jamaa‘ah becoming
bold in spreading their
teachings openly. Even more
unfortunate is that many

Muslims would become affected by them, including those that are highly educated and professionals. It is as if their '*aqeedah*' and thoughts have been colonized by ideologies that

attempts to deviate them from the True Path. In safeguarding authentic Islamic teachings, programs that solidify the ‘*aqeedah* and religious creed should be further emphasized at all



levels beginning from the early age.

We are an *ummah* (nation) that firmly clings upon and guided by al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah. Let us strictly follow the true authentic

teachings of Islam. Let us adhere to the guidance given by Rasulullah ﷺ and also the scholars who continued his *da‘wah* efforts ﷺ.

There is absolutely no need for us to take guidance from other

than Islam. Allah

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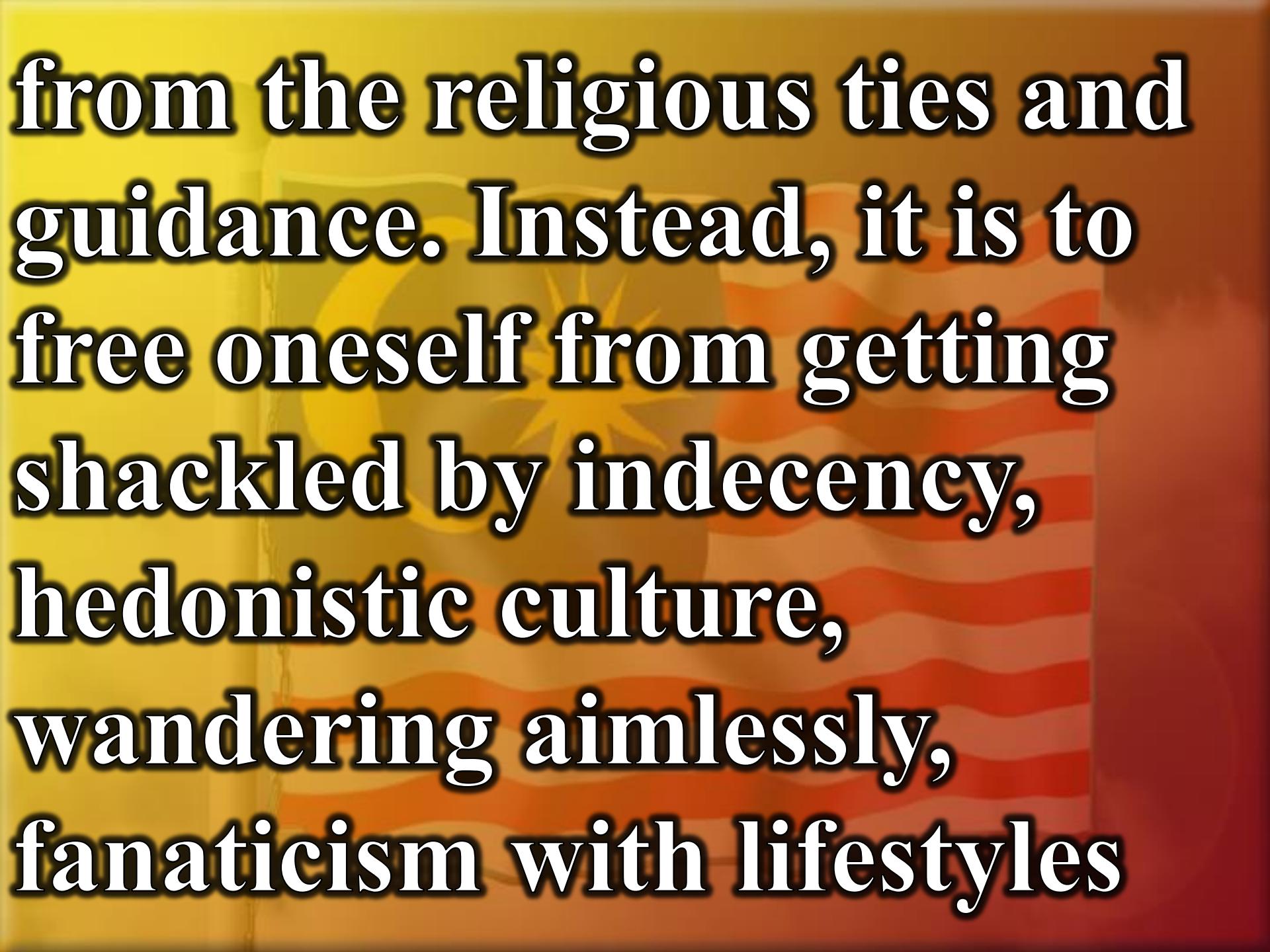
mentions in al-Qur‘an:

*“And, [moreover], this is
My path, which is straight,
so follow it; and do not
follow [other] ways,*

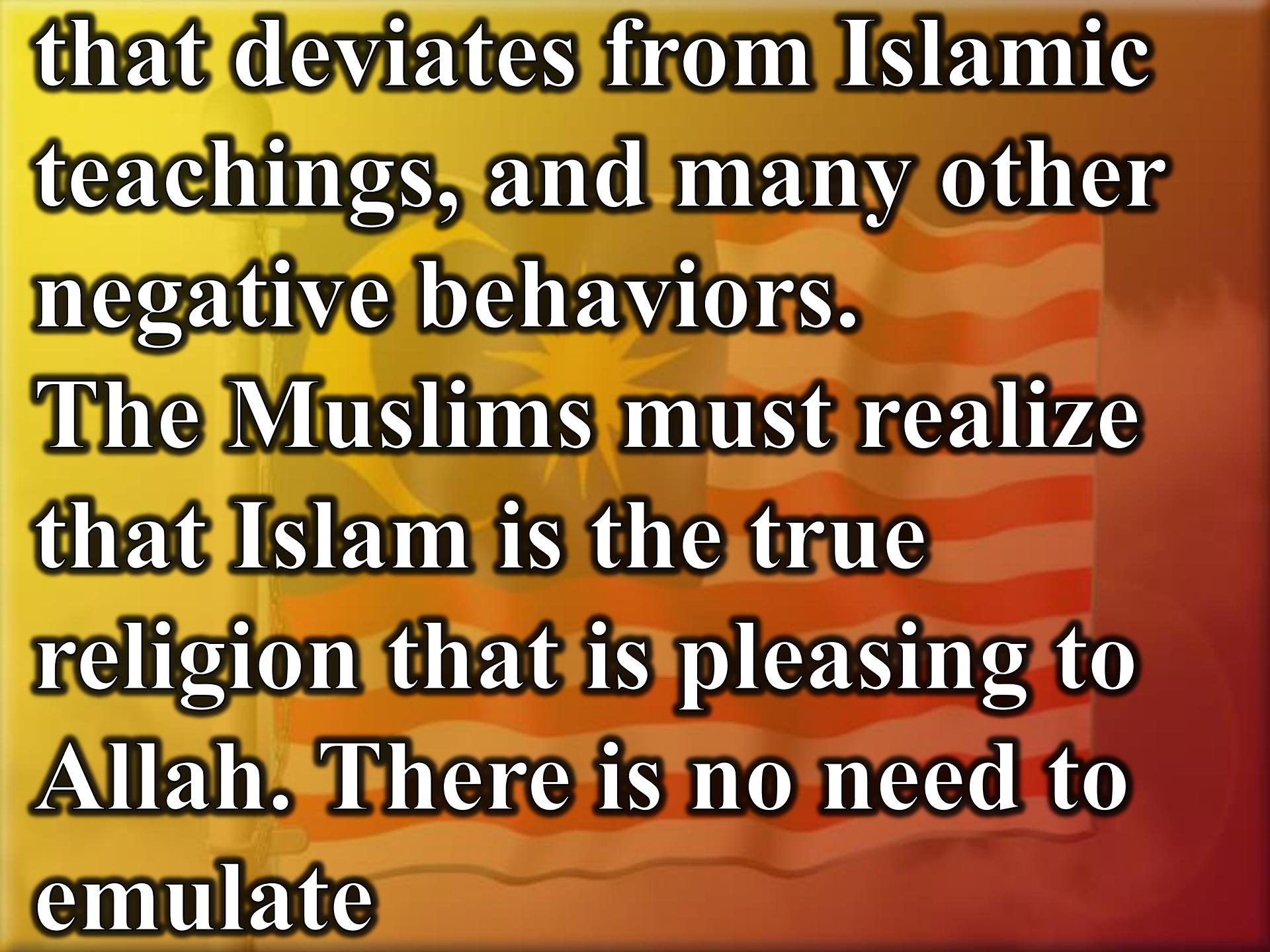
*for you will be separated
from His way. This has
He instructed you that
you may become
righteous.”*

(al-An'aam 6:153)

The freedom that we should struggle for in today's world is to embrace Independence by improving our *akhlaaq* and social lives. *Merdeka* (freedom) in *akhlaaq* does not mean to liberate oneself



**from the religious ties and
guidance. Instead, it is to
free oneself from getting
shackled by indecency,
hedonistic culture,
wandering aimlessly,
fanaticism with lifestyles**



that deviates from Islamic teachings, and many other negative behaviors.

The Muslims must realize that Islam is the true religion that is pleasing to Allah. There is no need to emulate

**the culture of those that are
not based upon Divine
revelation. For this, I
implore upon everyone,
especially the organizers of
entertainment events, to not
engrave cultures that are**

incompatible with the
local culture here.

Abu Hurayrah

radiyAllaahu ‘anh

reported: Rasulullah

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

*“The most complete of the
believers in faith, is the one
with the best character
among them. And the best
of you are those who are
best to your women.”*

(at-Tirmidhi: hasan)

In the midst of the Muslim
ummah's enthusiasm to
passionately strive in
returning to the true
Islamic teachings, let they
not become ensnared by
extremism that is not based

*upon the *Shara'*.* Islam is a religion of prosperity and peacefulness, truly emphasizing upon harmony and prosperous living.

There is no need for us to choose ways and methods of

struggle that will only inflict
harm greater than benefit,
damages greater than
progress, and chaos that are
greater than tranquility.

Nabi ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ has manifested a
clever approach with full

wisdom in his *da‘wah* efforts
that he would always capture
the attention of mankind to
get themselves closer to this
heavenly religion. Similarly
with his Companions
radiyAllaahu‘anhum

ajma‘een. Even though they would bring the military to their destinations, they would never coerce the locals to embrace Islam. It is enough with the noble *akhlaaq* that they displayed

and utterances from their mouth and tongue, causing the locals to become attracted to Islam, and in the end they would embrace Islam and become good Muslims.

Among lessons that can be derived today are:

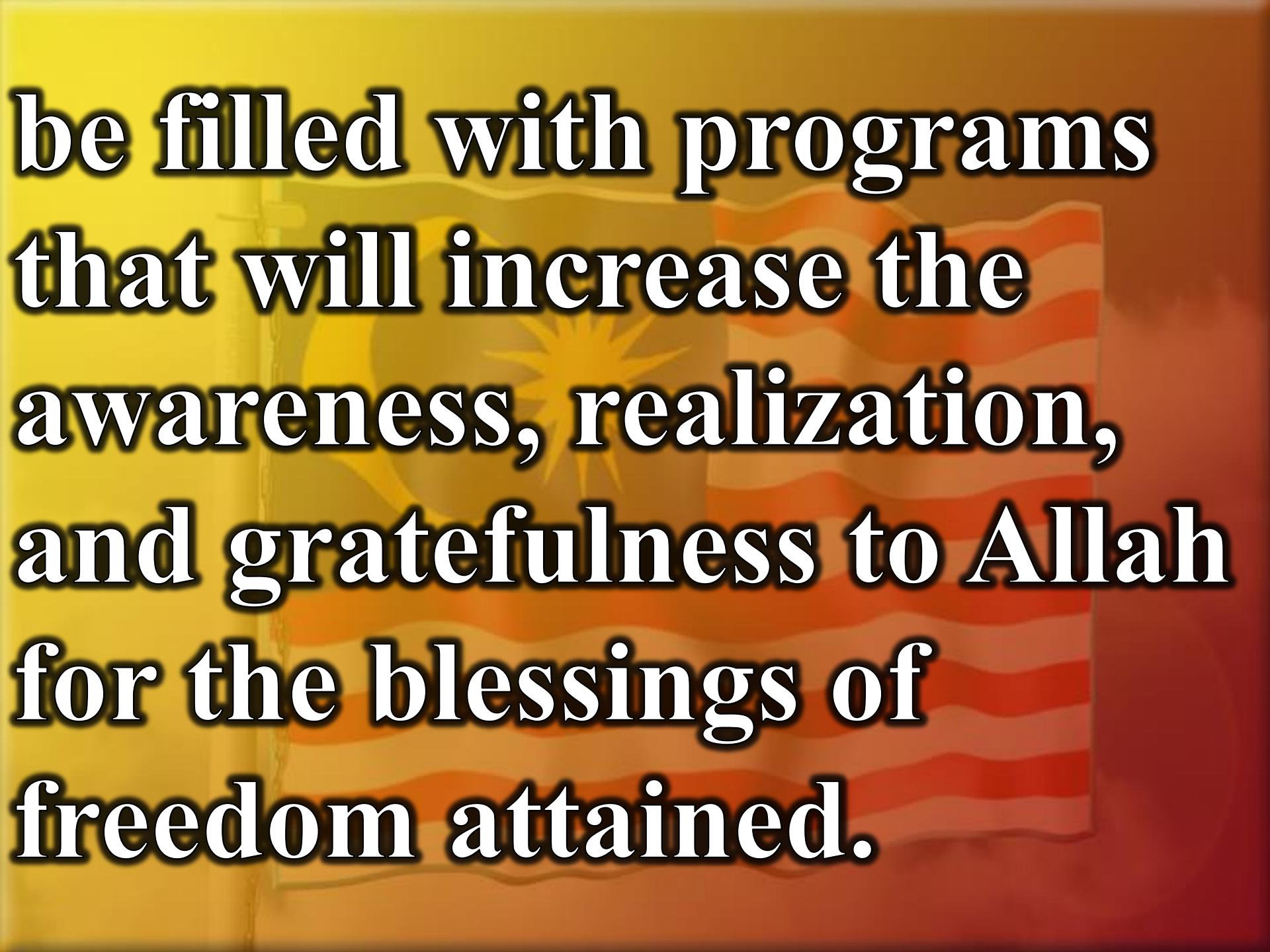
1- The Muslim *ummah* must internalize the full concept of Independence that was bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala,*

by becoming closer to Allah and practicing Islam in its entirety.

2- The Muslim *ummah* must always free themselves from ignorance, hedonism, deviant teachings,

extremism, and many more.

3- The Muslim *ummah* are reminded that it is inappropriate to commemorate Independence Day with entertainment parties, but instead it should



**be filled with programs
that will increase the
awareness, realization,
and gratefulness to Allah
for the blessings of
freedom attained.**

*“[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.”*

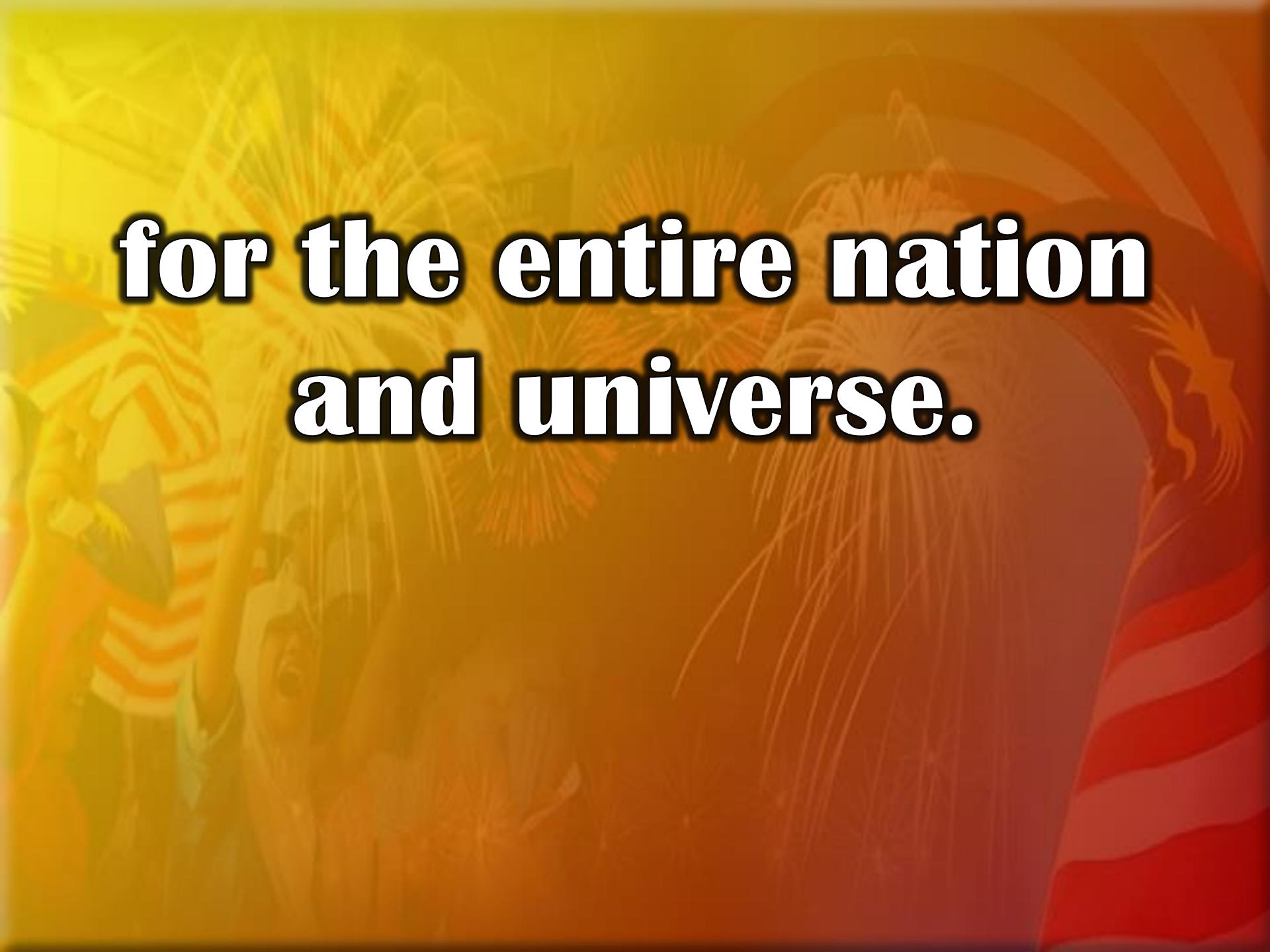
(al-Hajj 22:41)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ
وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ
الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبِيلِ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ أَنَّهُ هُوَ
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ
اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ
مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
بِإِنَّهُ 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 (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy



**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.**



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

DI SEDIAKAN OLEH:

UNIT KHUTBAH,

BAHAGIAN PENGURUSAN MASJID,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR