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FITNAH-

MONGERING

DESTROYS THE

MUSLIM UMMAH



Let us increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* with utmost obedience, *yaqeen*, and *ikhlaas*. That is by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

We truly hope to become
among the *muttaqoon*,
attaining safety and success in
this world and the Hereafter.
The topic of today's *khutbah* is
“*Fitnah-Mongering Destroys
The Muslim Ummah.*”

Fitnah here means accusation, whether information, story, tale, and others, that is fabricated with the intention to denigrate or destroy a person, institution, or a group, and its like.

In this modern world, with all the technological advancement, the spreading of *fitnah* is becoming super easy whether through the television, radio, sms, e-mail, websites or blogs.

Fitnah spreads very quickly and widespread, far out and reachable without even the slightest concern to verify the information received, hence propagated and announced to others right then.

Such attitude is strongly prohibited in Islam, because Islam teaches us to verify every piece of news that has reached us especially if it was conveyed through those deemed as *faasiq* or those

that are heedless of Allah's
Commands; that these
information are to be
thoroughly investigated
and verified before being
propagated to others.

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 is *waajib* upon every Muslim to scrutinize every piece of news that they receive so that he or she will not be entrapped in allegations having *fitnah* in nature.

Any information received should first be verified of its authenticity. Wisdom and intellectual maturity are vital to be utilized, so one will not be deceived by malicious news or *fitnah*.

The culture or habit of *fitnah*-mongering is truly despicable and hated by Islam, that it is categorized as a major sin.

Spreading *fitnah* through backbiting and its like, whether knowingly or not, is from among deplorable acts, that is when a person mentions or narrate the shortcoming of others even

without mentioning any name
but it is known to the listener.

The gossipier or the one
spreading the information will
usually mention the phrase “it
was heard that” or “it was
rumored”.

However, when this news have propagated from one to another, and repeated, then the unverified or inauthentic information will transform into becoming a fact and authentic information.

Among the severe warning
and magnitude of sins of
creating *fitnah* and spreading
fitnah mentioned in al-
Qur'an and as-Sunnah are:

1- The tattler, gossiper, or backbiter is deemed as the most despicable of human being. In the *hadeeth* of Asmaa' bint Yazeed *radiyAllaahu 'anha,*

Rasulullah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam said:
“... “Shall I tell you
about the most evil ones
from amongst you?”
They said, “Of course.”

He said, “Those who go
around with *Nameemah*.

They make enmity between
friends and they seek
problems for the
innocent.””

(Ahmad and al-Bukhaari in al-Adab al-
Mufrad: *hasan*)

2- Spreading *fitnah* and backbiting is likened to devouring the flesh of another human being (another Muslim). 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 the 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)

3- The tattler and backbiter
will be severely punished in
the grave. Narrated ibn

‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu*

‘anhuma:

Rasulullah (*sallAllahu*

***‘alayhi wasallam*) 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)

4- The Prophet *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam

mentioned that the tattler
will not enter Paradise.

Narrated Hudhayfah
radiyAllaahu 'anh:

I heard the Prophet
(*sallallahu 'alayhi
wasallam*) saying, “A
Qattaat (tale-bearer)
will not enter
Paradise.” (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Aside from those severe warning and the grave sin of *fitnah*-mongering mentioned in the *Sharee'ah*, *fitnah* also has its negative effects within the society. Among them:

1- The sin of causing and spreading *fitnah* is deemed as wrongdoing between human beings. It will not be forgiven until the one being slandered actually forgives the wrongdoing.

Perhaps many among us think that propagating *fitnah* is only a minor offense, hence they easily disseminate news and information without further verification.

Fitnah causes division within the household and destroys the society. It is due to *fitnah* that relationship between siblings, spouses, neighbors, and others are shattered and cutoff,

that it even leads to perpetual enmity. *Fitnah*-mongering is likened to the blazing fire that intensely devours those dry branches until it all become ashes.

3- *Fitnah* normally occurs intending to degrade or tarnish certain individuals or groups. Such lowly approach is definitely intended to make one stand out above others,

thinking that they themselves are better and more qualified than those being slandered.

Often times, majority of those involved in *fitnah*-mongering would not even have any interest in the

matter. But since such wickedness has become a habit, though evil, it provides some sort of satisfaction to its perpetrators.

4- The culture of *fitnah*-mongering can threaten the peace and stability of a nation. Therefore, let us not allow ourselves, our family, and our

surrounding from
becoming culprits that
would further desecrate and
taint the existing harmony
by causing turmoil that
stems from the *fitnah* being
spread.

5- *Fitnah* can degrade and cause indignity to individuals and groups. It can also cause financial loss, because launching a defamation suit against

fitnah-mongers will churn
up a significant loss
whether financially,
emotionally, and others.
As a conclusion from this
khutbah, we gather that:

1- Creating and spreading *fitnah* is from among the major sins that are deplored by the *Sharee'ah*

2- The severe threat and stern punishment upon those being sinful of *fitnah* and spreading *fitnah*, as mentioned in various verses and numerous *ahaadeeth*.

3- It is *waajib* upon every Muslim to verify and authenticate every news and piece of information that they receive, especially those categorized as mere rumors and hearsay, so that one would not fall into the committing *fitnah*.

4- The heinous culture of *fitnah*-mongering is despicable for it will disrupt the unity within a household, dividing the community, and impedes upon the stability and harmony of a nation.

5- All conflict or confusion cannot be resolved through *fitnah*-mongering. On the contrary, all types of issues and problems can be resolved with humility, tolerance, and forgiving.

“And those who harm believing men and believing women for [something] other than what they have earned have certainly born upon themselves a slander and manifest sin.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:58)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
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الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
.إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

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.
*Allaahummaa ameen***



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