



## SAFEGUARDING PEACE AND SECURITY IS A COLLECTIVE DUTY

Let us have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala with absolute taqwa. And let us not die in a state of other than Islam. Let us increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Orders

and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. Let us contemplate and internalize upon today's *khutbah* entitled:

"Safeguarding Peace And Security Is A Collective Duty."

From among the ni mah from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala to His slaves on this earth are the ni mah of peace and security. Both of them will bring about to His slaves harmonious living

and invaluable progress and development.

As Muslims, must realize that maintaining security and nurturing the well being of all is from the teachings of Islam.

They are to be upheld in our daily lives regardless of the social status, creed, ideologies, ethnicity, or race.

As Muslims, we must realize that nurturing individuals, family, and society unto becoming peaceful and prosperous is from the sunnah of the Prophets. This is evident from the story of

Nabi Ibraaheem 'alayhissalam where upon arriving to Makkah, he supplicated to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala asking for peace and security for the blessed land, as it was

mentioned in al-Qur'an: "And [mention] when Abraham said, "My Lord, make this a secure city and provide its people with fruits – whoever of them believes in Allah and the Last Day"." (al-Baqarah 2:126)

This verse illustrates how Prophet Ibraaheem 'alayhissalam realized the significance of the ni mah of peace within the family. He did not only supplicate for the well being of his family,

but for the township of Makkah. Prophet Ibraaheem 'alayhissalam realized that peace is a symbol of security and blissfulness for one selves and society.

With security, mankind can attain all types of happiness, tranquility, virtues, and also implement the transformations that are strived for.

The values of peace and security stipulated in Islam is suitable to be practiced at all times, and this is compatible with the status of Islam itself as a religion that brings mercy and peace.

We must all realize that Islam is not a religion that incites violence and instill fear, or calls for conflicts and bloodshed. On the contrary, Islam becomes the intermediary in calling

everyone towards peace and security. Nourishing and sustaining peace is very important for any community. This is because:

## 1- It can guarantee harmonious living

2- It will make us an *ummah* that is respected and recognized.
3- It brings comfort in performing 'ibaadah

towards Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala without having worries or fear 4- It brings into reality the objective of Islam itself, as mercy to the Worlds, whether mankind or other creations.

The model that is to be exemplified by us in promoting the values of peace and security is that of the sunnah of Prophet Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.

In general, the principles inculcated by Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam in resolving issues within the Muslim society always leads to peace and security. The same principles are utilized

by Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam in giving da'wah and while facing the enemies. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiy Allaahu 'anh, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

## "The believer is the one to whom people feel secured regarding their blood and property."

(at-Tirmidhi, an-Nasaa'i and Ahmad: saheeh)

Also in the hadeeth of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr bin al-'As radiyAllaahu 'anhuma that Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims

with his tongue and hands. And a Muhaajir (emigrant) is the one who gives up (abandons) all what Allah has forbidden."

(al-Bukhaari)

Both ahaadeeth explains the principles and practices of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam in safeguarding peace and security within the society. For example, the first initiative that he

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam took in Madeenah was to draft an agreement between the various tribes and factions, whom comprised of diverse culture and background.

Hence, we had the Charter of Madeenah or the Constitution of Madeenah, where the core theme was related to peace and security. The charter prohibits citizens of Madeenah,

which comprised of various background, culture, and understanding, from committing any form of violence and oppression.

Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam himself had a

Jewish neighbor, and he sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallamwas careful in safeguarding the rights of his neighbors. He sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam respected his neighbors and would

never commit anything that would offend them. Moreover, he sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam would always bring food and gifts to his Jewish neighbor.

Such was the character and attitude of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam with the non-Muslim community. He sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam was concerned and took great

care of the rights of the kuffaar dhimmi, referring to non-Muslims who adheres to the Islamic government. In the hadeeth of ibn Mas'ood radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi

wasallam stated:

"Whoever harms a dhimmi then I will be his opponent. Whoever I'm his opponent, I will defeat him on the Day of Judgment."

(Taareekh Baghdaad: da 'eef)

The question that we should be contemplating upon today is that how can we attain the real peace and security prescribed by Islam? Who will assume these very roles?

Therefore, to actualize peace and security within a nation, everyone must exercise their very duty from the individual level, to the community, and to the leaders. This means that the leaders and the people all have their own specific roles and responsibilities.

As citizens, at the individual level, one must obey the ruler, not violating the rights of others, trustworthy in

fulfilling tasks, staying openminded, and always striving to increase the taqwa and ikhlaas upon Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala in every pursuit taken.

At the community level, we

are to abide by the laws, mutually aiding each other, avoid hurling fitnah, be openminded, respectful of others, having deep concern for others, and selflessness. Moreover, we should always

have tolerance towards others irrespective of their religion, ideology, ethnicity, and others. As the ruling authorities of a nation, the leaders must strive to protect national

security and safety of the citizens, they must be trustworthy in fulfilling their duties with justice as the very foundation in decision making without suppressing and oppressing anyone.

Furthermore, they must observe and grant duly rights to the masses through any mechanism that can guarantee the peace and security of the nation.

The lesson that we can derive and internalize from today's khutbah is for all of us to increase our comprehension of authentic Islamic teachings in its entirety. Let us appreciate

and internalize the concept of peace and security as they are truly advocated in Islam. Let us open up our hearts and mind, and have tolerance while undergoing our daily affairs.

Let us assist and support those who want to uphold Islam as the foundation of lives for the ummah. If this is understood, internalized, and practiced in the lives of individuals, societies,

and the nation's leaders, then insha Allah we will live in an environment that is peaceful and harmonious, though living in a multi-cultural society with different ethnicity and faith.

Hence, let us protect and safeguard the peace and security in this nation for it is truly a collective responsibility upon us all.

"And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. And invoke Him in fear and aspiration. Indeed, the mercy of Allah is near to the doers of good." (al-A'raaf 7:56)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأَمْوَ اتْ فَاسْتَغْفِرُ وْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ 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



## **DI SEDIAKAN OLEH:**

BAHAGIAN KHUTBAH,
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

**ILLUSTRASI OLEH:** 

UNIT TEKNOLOGI MAKLUMAT,
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR