



جَابَاتَانِ اِغَامَا اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْغُورِ
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

BROTHERHOOD AMONG MUSLIMS



Let us strive to increase our
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala with absolute *taqwa*
and performing all that has been
commanded by Allah and His
Messenger,

as well as abstaining from all of
His prohibitions. May *salawaat*
(blessings) and *salaam* (peace)
be upon our beloved *Nabi*
Muhammad *sallAllahu 'alayhi*
wasallam.

On this blessed day, let us
reflect upon the *khutbah* titled:
***“Brotherhood Among
Muslims.”***

The bond of brotherhood is a vital Islamic principle that is deeply engrained in the hearts of the Muslims. The firmness of the bond of brotherhood among Muslims is heavily emphasized

in realizing solid Islamic
ukhuwwah. Moreover, the
Islamic bond that is joined and
established based upon deep-
rooted '*aqeedah* is much
stronger as the Muslim *ummah*
tightly clings upon

the same core and basis, which is upholding *ad-deen* as the foundation of its fraternity. How significant it is for us to safeguard the bond of brotherhood amongst Muslims for it was the advice

of Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* (on the authority of
Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu
‘anh*):

**“... O servants of Allah, be
brothers ...”**

(al-Bukhaari, Muslim and Abu Dawood)

Islam has taught the Muslim *ummah* to remain united and emphasized the Muslims to live as one family (brethren), as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”

(al-Hujuraat 49:10)

Islam prescribes the Muslims to be alert and aware of the affairs of their Muslim brethren. It teaches the Muslim *ummah* to aid their brethren that are less fortunate and oppressed.

The fraternity upon one religion or creed is truly noble and leaves a great impact in the nurturing the unity of the *ummah*. Without it, the society will split and divide, weaken, and further

susceptible to manipulation.
Therefore, when brothers, we
must exercise manners and
actions that promotes the
fostering of brotherhood

such as helping one another and
mutual cooperation
especially in welfare and
beneficial matters. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

“The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong...”

(at-Tawbah 9:71)

If there exist within us differing opinions and ideologies in understanding a particular branch of knowledge or in political parties or others, it does not mean that we should sever

the ties of kinship and
brotherhood that is ordained to
be strengthened in Islam.

However much we differ due to
our differences in understanding
based upon the religious texts,

Islam does not allow at all for the Muslims to be divided. That is, if such differences are based upon the differences resulting from *ijtihaad* of the Muslim scholars.

Similarly, difference of opinion is a matter that is inseparable from the trait and norm of mankind. Moreover, difference of opinion is something that makes Islam more dynamic

and flexible as a religion. In this regard, narrated Anas ibn Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

**“Do not hate one another, and
do not be jealous of one
another, and do not desert
each other, and O servants of
Allah! Be brothers...”**

(al-Bukhaari)

This *hadeeth* reminds us to always safeguard our ties of kinship and fraternity amongst us. Envy, hatred, betrayal, and other vile attitude would only result in enmity and hostility within

the Muslim *ummah*, which ultimately leads to disunity.

In preserving our bond of brotherhood, Islam has outlined several guidelines, among them:

1- Every Muslim must strive to aid and support their Muslim brethren as a unified body, as it was prescribed in the *hadeeth* of Nu'man bin Basheer *radiyAllaahu 'anh*

where Rasulullah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam said:

**“The similitude of believers in
regard to mutual love,
affection, fellow-feeling is that
of one body;**

when any limb of it aches, the whole body aches, because of sleeplessness and fever.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

The firmness of the Islamic brotherhood is deeply emphasized in instilling the love and care for each other, for it will build a strong unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

Furthermore, the brotherhood
that is built upon this love and
care will be bestowed with
rahmah and great blessings
from Allah.

2- Every Muslim must not harbor feelings of ill will and strife towards each other, what more with hurling accusations and slander against each other. If there arises any displeasing

or unsatisfying matter, then it calls for a discussion within the spirit of *mushaawarah* (consultation), united and cooperative in the fundamental principles. But in matters without consensus

agreement especially in trivial or secondary matters (*furoo*'), then we must be tolerant, open-minded, and forgiving. Every Muslim should also do away with deplorable traits such as

being envious of others. Envy
will only sever the bond of
brotherhood among Muslims.

Similarly with dispraised
attributes like causing *fitnah*,
backbiting, suspicion, and
always

looking for faults and mistakes
of other Muslims. 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)

Therefore, every Muslim is reminded to not easily accept and believe everything conveyed to them, especially those originating from unreliable or suspicious sources.

Islam highly discourage the Muslims to have liking to hear and easily believing in what is transmitted by others at face value because it could be false or made up news maliciously intended to

disgrace and humiliate others,
or even ruin the unity of the
Muslim *ummah*. Such emphasis
is mentioned by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala 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)

Islam heavily promotes good relationship amongst each other, and this can be truly observed in the relationship between Muslims, where Islam came with *rahmah* to unite the hearts,

strengthening the ranks, and directing them to a unity of brotherhood. At the same time, avoiding elements that can lead to disunity and division that will only weaken the fraternity.

The purpose of this union is to
nurture noble and honorable
values so that mankind can fully
engage in *'ibaadah* to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

The bond utilized by Islam in uniting the Muslim *ummah* is one that is solid and firm, unlike the other ones, unlike the knot that crumbles when the rope is destroyed. On the contrary,

the bond of *ukhuwwah* in Islam
is one that is very powerful,
even stronger than blood
relations, ethnicity, mother
tongue, or even native land. It is
the bond of *imaan*, where the
Muslims

are governed by it. With the bond of *imaan*, the believer can further strengthen their brotherhood and relationship, as mentioned in a *hadeeth* by Anas ibn Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*

that Rasulullah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam said:

**“None of you truly believes
until he loves for his brother
what he loves for himself.”**

(al-Bukhaari, Muslim, at-Tirmidhi, an-
Nasaa'i, and ibn Maajah)

This is the basis of Islamic brotherhood that is established in the religion, safeguarded with the spirit of *imaan*, erected by true love (*mahabbah*) as its solid foundation.

Hence with such spirit, it spurs
the formation of praiseworthy
characteristics such as
respecting others, helping
others, striving to do good,
preventing evil, ultimately
becoming the

living norm for the Muslims
within the society. This is
among the guidance and lessons
derived from *ahadeeth* that
should be heeded by all
Muslims in preserving the
strength and

integrity of unity in the bond of
brotherhood, for its preservation
will produce a sense of goodwill
that is engulfed with peaceful
atmosphere.

The conclusion and lessons
derived from today's *khutbah*
are:

1- As part of the Muslim
ummah, we are all brothers, so it
is obligated upon us to
strengthen our tie of kinship

at all times.

2- To maintain the brotherhood amongst Muslims, we must always preserve and safeguard ourselves from succumbing to behaviors that can sever

the relationship such as
guarding the tongue so as to not
utter matters that are prohibited
by Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala.

3- Always and diligently clinging upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* so that we will not stray from the very path that has been outlined by it.

“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”

(al-Hujuraat 49:10)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَ نَفَعَنِي
وَ اِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَ الذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَ تَقَبَّلْ
مِنِّي وَ مِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ اِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ . اَقُوْلُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَ اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ وَ لِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
اِنَّهُ 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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