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**(SLANDER)**  
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**Let us strive to increase our  
*taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala* with full  
obedience, certainty, and  
sincerity. That is by  
performing all of His**

**Commands and avoiding  
all of His prohibitions.  
May we become those  
having *taqwa*, attaining  
success and salvation in  
this world and the  
Hereafter.**

The title of today's  
*khutbah* is  
**"FITNAH  
DESTROYS THE  
MUSLIM UMMAH"**

***Fitnah* is referred to as accusations that are invented whether in the form of pictures, news, stories, and others that can degrade or destroy an individual, institution, group or its like.**

**In this modern age and era of technology, the spread of *fitnah* can be easily done whether verbally, through short messaging service (SMS), e-mail, websites or blogs, WhatsApp, Facebook,**

**instagram, and others. The spread of *fitnah* would happen so quick, widespread, and easily accessible without the urge to verify the information received, that before you know it, without**

**hesitation, it would get conveyed to others. Such behavior is strictly prohibited in Islam. Islam teaches its adherents to scrutinize and verify all news received before being**

**spread to others, especially  
from those that are *faasiq*  
(disobeys the commands of  
Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala*). 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 becomes *waajib* upon every Muslim to scrutinize all information received so as to not become involved in**

**spreading calumny (*fitnah*). Every news received must be verified first of its authenticity. The wisdom and sanity of mind is very important in being utilized to ensure that one is not easily**

duped by *fitnah*-like news.  
The evil culture of  
slandering, spreading, and  
sharing *fitnah*, along with  
modern day terminologies  
such as “share” and “like”  
are actually something that  
is

**vile and abhorred in  
Islam, even categorized  
as a major sin in Islam.  
*Allah Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* mentions in  
al-Qur'an:**

*“Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread [or publicized] among those who have believed will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter.*

***And Allah knows and  
you do not know.”***

***(an-Noor 24:19)***

**Spreading lies, slandering others, and its sort whether known or not are deemed as wicked behavior, when one would mention the evil of a person without prior investigation.**

**The slanderer would normally mention “I heard that”, “rumor”, or “viral”. However, when such information is conveyed from a person to another, continuously repeated,**

**then it is as if the  
unverified information has  
become factual and true.  
Why is *fitnah* deemed as  
evil with severe warning by  
Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* and considered a**

**heavy sin? Among the admonition and sins regarding *fitnah* and the one spreading *fitnah* mentioned in al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah are:**

**1. For the accuser or slanderer who are unable to produce witness for their accusation (*fitnah*), Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* has commanded for them to be punished with 80 lashes.**

**Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala***  
**mentions in al-Qur'an:**

***“And those who accuse  
chaste women and then  
do not produce four  
witnesses - lash them  
with eighty***

*lashes and do not  
accept from them  
testimony ever after.  
And those are the  
defiantly  
disobedient.”*

*(an-Noor 24:4)*

**2. The slanderer and backbiter are deemed as the most despicable of human being.**

**Asmaa' bint Yazeed *radiyAllaahu'anha* reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said:**

*... “Shall I tell you who is the worst of you?” “Yes,” they replied. He said, “Those who go about slandering, causing mischief between friends in order to separate them,*

*and desiring to lead  
the innocent into  
wrong action.”*

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

**3. Slandering and backbiting are likened to eating the flesh of one's own brother. Indeed, no sensible person would be willing to eat the flesh of another person, what more with his own brother's**

**flesh. 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)***

**4. The slanderer and  
backbiter will be severely  
punished in the grave.**

**Narrated ibn 'Abbaas**

***radiyAllaahu'anhuma:***

**Rasulullah ﷺ 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)*

**Aside from the severe warning and sins upon the *fitnah* and those spreading the *fitnah* as mentioned in the *Shara'*, *fitnah* also causes harm within community living. Among them:**

**1. The sins committed by the one who defames and the one that spreads the *fitnah* are deemed as sins committed against others. These sins will not be forgiven unless if the one**

**being slandered forgives  
such act.**

**2. *Fitnah* disunites the  
household and destroys the  
community. It is due to  
*fitnah* that the relationship  
between siblings, spouses,**

**neighbors, and others  
would sever and further  
leads to everlasting enmity.  
Moreover, spreading *fitnah*  
is akin to the raging fire  
burning peat soil,  
spreading quickly, in the  
end causing**

**haze that is very  
inconvenient and  
harmful to others,  
ultimately incurring loss  
to the nation.**

**3. *Fitnah* is usually spread with the intent to degrade individuals or groups. Such attitude intends for them to stand out above others, thinking that they are better or more qualified compared**

**to the one being slandered. It is worth noting that many of those involved in spreading *fitnah* actually have no interest such wickedness. But since such evil deed has become a habit, it provides a**

**sense of pleasure to the doer even though it is vile.**

**4. The culture of slandering can disrupt the nation's stability and peace.**

**Therefore, do not allow one's own self, the family,**

**and the surrounding  
community to become a  
tool or agent in creating  
and spreading *fitnah* that  
can create chaos and  
threaten the nation's  
stability.**

**5. *Fitnah* can tarnish the dignity of an individual or group; similarly it can cause tremendous financial loss. This is because a defamation lawsuit can be thrown against the one spreading**

***fitnah*, which can cause heavy loss financially, emotionally, and many more.**

**The lessons and *tawjeehaat* (directive guiding rules) that we can suggest from today's *khutbah* are:**

**1. The Muslim *ummah* is prohibited from creating and spreading *fitnah* because it is**

**from among the major sins  
that are greatly  
condemned by Allah and  
His Messenger.**

**2. It behoove every Muslim  
to investigate every piece  
of news that they receive  
especially those deemed as**

**“rumors” or “hearsay” so as to not be involved with defamatory news. Instead, one should expunge it straightaway.**

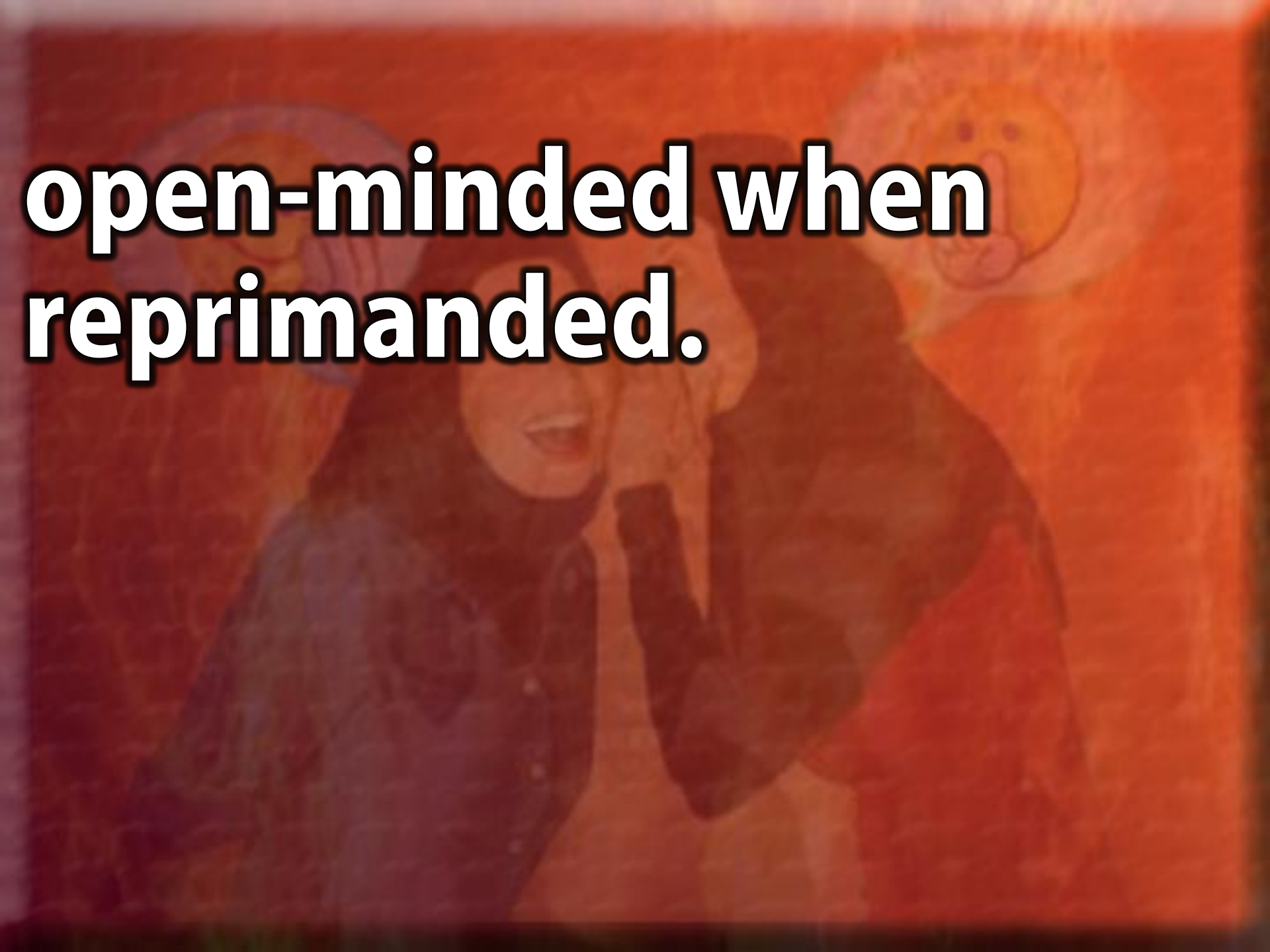
**3. The Muslim *ummah* should avoid the culture of**

**spreading *fitnah* for it is evil and will destroy the harmony within the household, corrupting the society, and disrupting the nation's stability and peace.**

**4. The Muslim *ummah* must**

**realize that every conflict  
and confusion cannot be  
resolved through the  
culture of slandering.  
Instead, we must remain  
humble, tolerant, forgiving  
upon all mistakes, and  
remain**

**open-minded when  
reprimanded.**



*“And fear a trial which  
will not strike those  
who have wronged  
among you exclusively,  
and know that Allah is  
severe in penalty.”  
(al-Anfaal 8:25)*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ  
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ  
لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ  
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ  
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ 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 (ﷺ) was  
sent down as a messenger, and  
Islam that was revealed is  
mercy**

**for the entire nation and  
universe.**



○ 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.**

○ 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.

○ 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.**



○ Allah, increase and widen  
the *rizq* of those that made  
*waqf* from their wealth with  
perpetual rewards until the  
Last Day.





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