



I remind myself and those present today to have the taqwa of Allah, by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Indeed, taqwa

is the benchmark that determines our status with Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala in the Hereafter, insha Allah.

The khutbah for this week invites us to contemplate upon the topic of "Tabayyun"

Tabayyun refers to the process where one would research, investigate, and

and study in verifying that a particular news or information received actually originates from reliable sources, before resorting to any action or decision in determining

whether it is authentic or not. The ruling for tabayyun is waajib (obligatory). This is based on the command of Allah in the verse recited earlier in the khutbah:

"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)

Referring to the *asbaab an-nuzul* (reason for revelation) of this verse,

al-Imaam al-Wahidi stated that this verse was revealed regarding the incident where al-Waleed ibn 'Uqbah was appointed by Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم to collect sadaqah or zakaah from Bani Mustaliq.

Upon reaching their village, al-Waleed observed that the people of Bani Mustalia were gathered and waiting, with a huge commotion at the village's entrance. al-Waleed then misunderstood

the whole situation and returned to Madeenah. He reported to Rasulullah صلى الله stating that Bani عليه وسلم Mustalig had refused to give their sadaqah and wanted to kill him instead.

Upon hearing al-Waleed's صلى الله عليه وسلم account, he commanded for that tribe to be fought. However, Bani Mustaliq had sent an entourage whom met up صلى الله صلى الله and عليه وسلم and explained that they did not

gather to kill al-Waleed, but instead were waiting for the arrival of the representative sent by صلى الله on that they عليه وسلم Rasululah عليه وسلم can surrender their sadaqah or zakaat collection.

Verse 6 of Surah al-Hujuraat was then revealed as guidance for Rasulullah صلى الله and the *ummah* after عليه وسلم him, calling for one to examine, research, and investigate every news received before

taking any action.

Verily, actions taken after carrying out the tabayyun process, insha Allah, will be precise without harming anyone involved.

When this occurs, the society will remain peaceful and always thinking well of others, which is the essence of progress and prosperity for an *ummah*. Likewise, with its opposite.

If *tabayyun* or thorough investigation is not carried out, then definitely its follow-up action, pursued without scrutiny, will only result in harm, injustice, conflict, divorce, enmity,



may even lead to war. For example, the news spread by the hypocrites in sensationalizing the fitnah thrown against 'A'ishah that the wife of Rasulullah صلى الله had betrayed عليه وسلم صلى الله Rasululah عليه وسلم

Likewise nowadays, parents that would haphazardly bombard the school, in the past wielding machetes but now appearing with a lawyer or making a police report, just because their children

told them that they had been suspended from school without reason. Where in reality, the child is a thug, bully, and have been skipping school for many days.

In addition, there are many more examples from our daily lives pertaining to situations that requires tabayyun, where if it is not practiced, its severe effect could result in the split

between the relationship of husband and wife, sibling rivalry, and others.

In recent times, there have been many news and information that are untrue being spread around especially over the Internet and mobile phones. Some are straight up *fitnah*, some are speculations or assumptions, and some are deliberately made up

purely for entertainment or satire. There are also those that are ariticisms or accusations in nature. Or ones that are politically motivated, in seeking fame. Even we ourselves are not

free from getting caught up in this unverified news, at least as either the receiver or transmitter. However, more importantly, what is our attitude upon receiving this ype of

information? Do we just believe straightaway without checking first? Even worse than that is for us to spread it to our friends and colleagues, hence becoming the sensational news

propagator, deluded with pride as always being the first one to receive such type of news or information. **Beware!** Spreading news or information that are untrue or unverified of its

authenticity, is clearly prohibited in the verses that we have mentioned before. Such irresponsible act can cause us to become among those having corrupted akhlaaq.

For those spreading the news, they may just say, "I was only transmitting it. That news did not originate from me. If it is true, then it is true. If false, then it is not my responsibility."

However such claim is sheer irresponsible attitude. Actually, there are ahaadeeth that forbids one from spreading everything that he hears. Such person can be deemed as among the liars.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu'anh: The صلى الله said: عليه وسلم Prophet "It is enough falsehood for a man to relate everything he hears" ?(Muslim-and-Abu-Dawood)

Do we want to be known as liars? Lying is deemed as a great sin. Inventing such lies is from among the traits of the hypocrites. For the hypocrites, their rightful place is in the Hellfire.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu'anh: The صلى الله said: عليه وسلم Prophet "There are three signs of a hypocrite: When he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it;

and when he is trusted, he betrays his trust" (Agreed Upon)

As lessons from today's *khutbah*, let us pay serious attention to the following

matters:

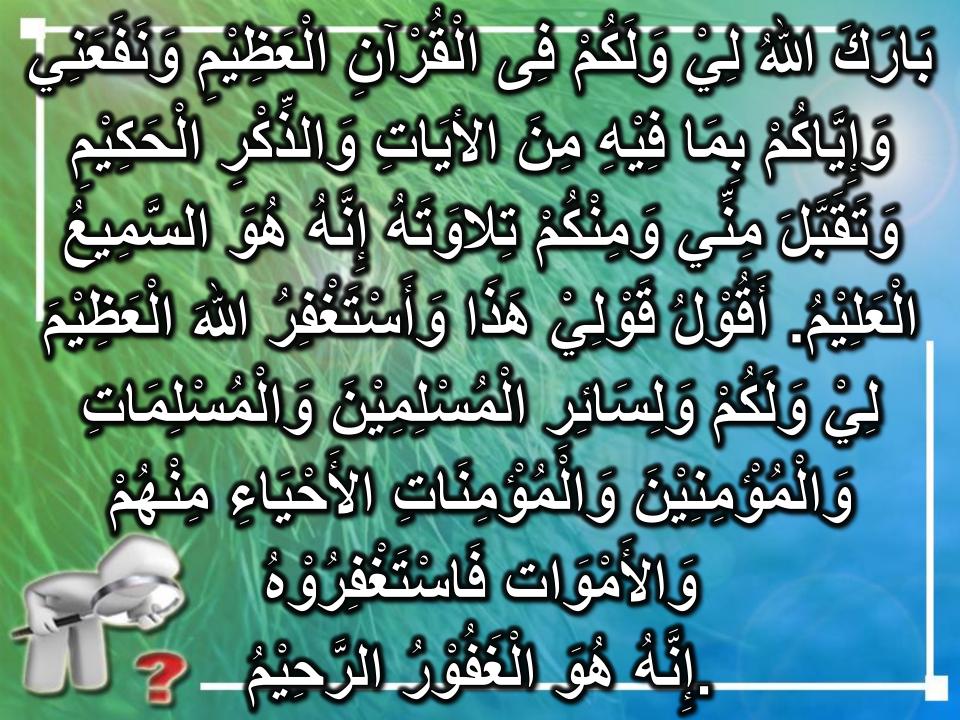
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Verify and get informed beforehand upon those news and information received, by referring to reliable sources.

Be careful and do not act hastily when receiving information or complaint, until they are all proven true and valid.

Do not ever make up 3. stories or spread news that has yet to be verified as authentic.

"And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned" (al-Israa' 17:36)



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches 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 صلى الله will know that Rasulullah عليه وسلم الله 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 nimah, 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 rizg, 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 'ageedah 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 fugaraa' and masaakeen, 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 rizg of those that made waqffrom their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.

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