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I remind myself and call upon my blessed congregation to strive to have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His

Commands, and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Verily, the noblest ones in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala are those having utmost taqwa. Let us continue to perform all of the

commands from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and the teachings of Rasulullah صلى الله By abiding all of the ordainments from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and His

Messenger صلى الله inshaa Allah we will be blessed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. May we always attain success in this world and the Hereafter, inshaa Allah.

The Malay proverb goes, "bulat air kerana pembetong, bulat kata kerana muafakat" (meaning: consensus is achieved through discussion), and also

"bersatu teguh, bercerai roboh" (united we stand, divided we fall). These sayings are closely intertwined with the spirit of calling community members for mutual cooperation,

tolerance, and aiding each other. This very culture is important in grooming a society that loves one another and at the same time, it can rid of all of the elements that can destroy the

unity and solidarity within. As such, today's khutbah is entitled "With Its People United, The State Will Be Blessed"

Unity is achieved as a result of mutual cooperation and understanding amongst community members. This can only happen when community members have a clear vision, unanimous

objectives, high ambitions, eagerness, and similar outlook. Only then it can raise a society that is harmonious, united, and tolerant. Therefore, everyone at various positions,

agencies, institutions, communities, groups, or associations must always emphasize on internalizing noble values in our lives in attaining cohesive unity so as to safeguard the integrity

and unity of the ummah. Hence, to preserve such unified relationship amongst community members, we must inculcate mahmoodah characteristics that are praiseworthy virtues, and

leave out all adaab, akhlaaq, and behaviors that are from mazhmoomah traits, which are disgraceful traits within one self.

These two opposing

situations, namely good and evil, will constantly compete with one another. If those noble virtues are continuously practiced without sincerity, then there will be disunity, conflict,

dispute, friction, and feud. Those that are striving for togetherness, peacefulness, harmony, and tranquility, they must remain diligent in practicing good adaab and behavior. They must always

think good of others, avoid creating fitnah and spreading false news, always vigilant with all the information that are easily disseminated through the social media, and always striving to

strengthen the ukhuwwah (brotherhood) and silaaturrahm (ties of kinship).

To attain unity, we should focus and prioritize on the

agreed upon major issues that are to be implemented. While issues that can severe the unity, stemming from differing attitudes, views, or opinion, must be avoided. Unity will be achieved if all

community members do not exaggerate on matters that are furoo' (minor) and khilaaf (differing opinions). Furthermore, any elements that can lead to unity must be pursued with diligence

and persistence. Therefore, let us always think positive of others, remain courteous and cordial, greeting each other, stop reviling and instigating others, and always avoiding disputes

as to ensure that harmony and serenity remains within the society. The words of Muhammad Rasheed Ridaa, "Let us cooperate in matters that are agreed upon, and let

remain forgiving upon matters that we differ upon," resonates well for us to internalize and appreciate. Verily, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala showers His Mercy upon an *ummah* that

loves one another. This mercy will be bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon the entire mankind and also other creatures of Allah. Islam truly abhors division. Islam

always calls upon the Muslims to hold firmly upon the Rope of Allah. It is only by clinging firmly upon the Rope of Allah that the Muslim ummah can experience peace and love.

For the Muslim ummah, these noble virtues are embedded within the Sharee'ah of Islam. All mankind are always required to practice noble values in their lives.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an, which means: "And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds"

(al-Anbiyaa' 21:107)

SubhaanAllah, verily the implementation of the Islamic Sharee'ah will bestow "rahmah" and the love of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to the worlds. Various forms of blessings

will be enjoyed by mankind, whether they are believers or not. This is from Allah's Attributes of being The Most Generous and The Most Compassionate upon mankind and other creatures.

Naturally, it behooves us as Muslims to always portray the best example to be emulated by the society. It is now clear that when the community members in a particular state are always

performing righteous deeds, it would then invite mercy upon them. In our context, rahmah is also referred to as barakah. This barakah or rahmah are bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

in various forms. Some are bestowed in the forms of good health, achievements, success, productivity, advantages, sufficiency, blissfulness, tranquility, peacefulness, harmony, and

enjoyment. These have all occurred since the time of Prophet Muhammad عليه وسلم, his Companions, and the Caliphs including Caliph 'Umar ibn 'Abdul 'Azeez, where the people were

together and unified. Hence, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala bestowed barakah upon them that the wealth accumulated in their treasury were constantly increasing. The citizens lived with

calmness, peacefulness, and serenity. They were pleased and happy, as a result of unity and mutual cooperation amongst all, namely the people, the Muslim scholars, and the Caliph (or Ruler).

Therefore, Islam as a religion that grants rahmah, must be fully manifested by its adherents with a good image and appearance, pleasing, and capable of attracting the society to

accept it as a way of life that brings true happiness. We must perform all sorts of good deeds to the community members with a full sense of brotherhood. Such atmosphere will cause

blessings to shower upon the earth where its denizens are always unified. This scenario was depicted in a hadeeth narrated by 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma where Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"The merciful are shown mercy by ar-Rahmaan. Be merciful on the earth, and you will be shown mercy from Who is above the heavens. The womb is named after ar-Rahmaan, so whoever connects it, Allah connects him, and whoever severs it, Allah severs him" (at-Tirmidhi: hasan)

Indeed, it is clear regarding the benefit to be reaped when the people of a state always remain in togetherness. Therefore, let us embrace it with full honesty and sincerity. Let us

prioritize upon unity and avoid division or strife. Let us unite upon the fundamental matters that are unanimously agreed upon. In concluding the khutbah, the Muslim ummah are called to:

1. Cling firmly upon the Rope of Allah to unite based upon the Sharee'ah of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must always avoid all elements

that can corrupt the unity of the society, and always strive to put forth effort that can lead to togetherness, for the sake of creating a society that is united.

3. The Muslim ummah must internalize and practice noble virtues when mingling and communicating, as well as refraining from words that could offend others.

4. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to strengthen their unity. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will bestow rahmah and barakah whether from the heavens or the earth for the benefit of mankind and all creatures.

"And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient" (al-Anfaal 8:46) بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَالنَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَالنَّكُمْ بِلاَوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ

أَقُوْلُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِي الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ وَلِيسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُ وَهُ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and

extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude

for Rasulullah عليه وسلم was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as 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 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, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic Affairs in this state.

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 blessed.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech You, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, and protect us from the practices and 'ageedah that are astray such as the Shee'is, Qadiyaani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations, as well as making wagf and infaaq of our wealth especially to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Waqf

Corporation) and Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor). With these deeds, O Allah, bless our lives and widen our rizq with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.





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