



THE UNITY OF THE UMMAH AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE STABILITY OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION

Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of **His Commands and** avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain the forgiveness and

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pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in this world and the Hereafter.

On December 11^{th,} 2018, which corresponds to 3rd Rabee' al-Aakhir 1440H,

we will celebrate the 73rd **birthday of His Royal Highness the Sultan of** Selangor. Let us altogether supplicate so that His Majesty will always remain bestowed with hidaayah (guidance), and inaayah (aid) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, in continuing his reign with justice and fairness in this peaceful and prosperous state.

Today I will elaborate on a *khutbah* titled

"THE UNITY OF THE UMMAH AS THE **FOUNDATION FOR** THE STABILITY OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION."

The religion of Islam has a very privileged status within the legal system in our homeland. Islam is the official religion and **His Majesty is the Head of Islamic affairs for the** state of Selangor.

The Royal Institution is the continuation of leadership history of the national heritage, and also a symbol for the unity of the ummah. Islam heavily emphasizes on the matter of unity,

especially unity amongst the citizens, and at the same time Islam rejects any form of disunity, conflict, and enmity.

The Royal Institution and unity within the

Muslim ummah whom are believers can be depicted as a building that is solid, as Rasulullah مَلْجَلَيْهُ mentioned in the narration of Abu Moosa al-Ash'ari radiyAllaahu 'anh:

"A believer to another believer is like a building whose different parts enforce each other." (al-Bukhaari)

The significance of unity within the ummah can be learned from the history of the battle of Badr, which took place in the 2nd Hijri year. The Muslim army that amounted to **313 individuals was able**

to defeat the Mushrikeen (polytheists) that comprised of 1000 soldiers. This proves the strong unity amongst the **Muslims even though they** were small in number. On the contrary, even with

the large amount of **Muslim army in the battle** of Hunayn in the 8th Hijri year, they had almost lost in the early stages due to their overconfidence in attaining victory and

the absence of unity within them.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 25 of soorah at-Tawbah:

"Allah has already given you victory in many regions and [even] on the day of Hunayn, when your great number pleased you, but it did not avail you

at all, and the earth was confining for you with its vastness; then you turned back, fleeing."

The spirit of unity such as that imbued while drafting the Madeenah Charter and the philosophy of unifying a society of diversed ethnicity and religion that is enshrined in the

Federal Constitution should be made as lesson in fully embracing the aspect of unity within the ummah. All parties must remain open-minded, tolerant, positive thinking, and having

mutual respect for one another.

Verily, unity can bring multitudes of benefit. The Malay adage states that with unity, the tall mountain can be leveled.

Similarly, united we stand, divided we fall. Also the saying, "bulat air kerana pembetung, bulat kata kerana muafakat" [meaning: unity is achieved through consensus].

All these indicate that unity will cause a difficult task to become easier, and that complex problems can be resolved successfully.

In Islamic history, there was an Islamic state that had successfully defeated two major superpower of its era, namely the Romans and the Persians. Not only they defeated those two

superpowers with far more sophisticated weaponry compared to their adversaries, but they had also succeeded in defeating them with the spirit of unity that was injected within the

Muslim ummah along with the spirit of jihaad that was firmly embedded within their soul. This shows the grave importance of unity for it is due to unity that the ummah can become

solidified, even if they are small in number. Such unity must exist amongst the citizens, so that our Ruler can fulfill his role as the Head of Islamic affairs and safeguard his subjects.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala reminds us upon the danger of conflict and division in verse 46 of soorah al-**Anfaal:**

"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."

Indeed, Islamic teachings obligate the Muslims to remain united and not divided. If the Muslims are divided, then it only shows that they have neglected their religious teachings.

The cordial relationship between the Ruler and the citizens that have long existed must be firmly maintained. The Ruler is the pillar of the Malay society, whom symbolizes the unity of the society

as well as the Head of Islamic affairs, which we must rightly defend.

To end today's *khutbah*, I implore and remind fellow audience upon the following matters:

1. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to believe and have certainty that everything commanded by

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala yields benefit and prosperity upon mankind in this world until the Hereafter.

2. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to unite and obey the **Ruler or the leader in** matters that do not contradict the Shara'.

3. The Muslim ummah must avoid all forms of disunity that stems from envy, negative thoughts, incitement, slander, and its like, which yields detrimental results.

"But if they intend to deceive you - then sufficient for you is Allah. It is He who supported you with His help and with the believers. And brought together their hearts. If you had spent

all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allah brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise." (al-Anfaal 8:62-





Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and



deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah and was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us



always increase our salawaat and salaam upon our Prophet Muhammad and . Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala **mentions:**



"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



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, 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 and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our



hearts, bestow upon us rizg with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as Qadiyaani, deviant teachings such as



Shee'ah, and other teachings deemed as deviating from **Islamic teachings or** contradicting the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah. 0 Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily



prayers, fulfilling zakaat through the Selangor Zakaat Board, making waqf and infaaq of our wealth to Selangor Waqf **Corporation and Islamic Development Trust Fund of** Selangor.

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