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***OUR NEIGHBORS,  
OUR BRETHREN***

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

On this noble Friday, I sincerely remind myself and fellow blessed congregation, that let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah

*Subhaanahu Wa*

*Ta'aala* by performing  
all of His Commands  
and avoiding all of His  
prohibitions. Maybe

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*

*Ta'aala* bless our lives

with *ni'mah* (favours),  
*tawfeeq* (aid), and  
*hidaayah* (guidance)  
that are long lasting,  
attaining salvation in  
this world and the  
Hereafter.

Today, I would like to invite fellow audience to ponder upon a *khutbah* titled



***OUR NEIGHBORS,  
OUR BRETHREN***

#bahagianpengurusanmasjid

**The main important matter that must be taken into consideration in community living is doing good to fellow neighbors. Neighbors actually refer to those living within 40 homes**

from our homes.

Once a man came to see  
Rasulullah ﷺ to complain  
about his neighbor. He ﷺ  
then asked the man to  
make an announcement  
at the

**masjid stating:**

***“Know that 40  
homes surrounding  
your homes [in all  
directions] are your  
neighbors.”***

***(Abu Dawood and at-Tabraani)***



Based on verse 36 of soorah an-Nisaa' that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*, the neighbors comprise of the near ones and the farther ones. The close by neighbors are those that

have blood ties, while the farther neighbors refer to those that do not have family ties.

Verily, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* truly love His slaves that maintain good

relationship with their  
neighbors. In the  
*hadeeth* of Mu'aadh  
bin Jabal  
*radhiyAllaahu 'anh,*  
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Five things that whoever does one of these, Allah will grant him a guarantee: One who visits the sick, or someone who fights in the way of Allah,***

***or someone who goes to a leader to uphold and honor him, or someone who sits in his house so that others can be safe from harm, so that he will also be safe from being harmed by others.”***

**To have good neighbors,  
we must first educate  
ourselves to become a  
good neighbor, and vice  
versa.**

**Why must we have good  
conduct towards our**

**neighbors? Because the neighbors would be the first ones to aid us when we are in dire need or experiencing an emergency situation.**

**While at the same time, our family members live**

**further away and they cannot provide help immediately. If we do not even know our neighbors, surely we will feel ashamed to sought help from them. Moreover, the neighbors themselves**



**would feel shy from helping, worried that it may be mistakenly misunderstood.**

**How can we know our neighbors if we do not even greet each other?**

How can we know our neighbors if we do not even know their names? How can we know our neighbors if we do not come across them at the *surau* and masjid? How can we know our

neighbors if we do not  
visit them on the days of  
*'Eid*?

The importance of  
neighbors in societal  
living was mentioned in  
the *hadeeth* narrated by

**‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu*  
*‘anha*, where the Prophet  
ﷺ said:**

***“Jibreel continued to  
recommend me about  
(treating) the***

***neighbors so (kindly  
and politely), that I  
thought he would  
order me to make  
them heirs.”***

***(Muslim)***

Therefore, I sincerely implore upon my beloved audience to preserve the rights of our neighbors as a manifestation of a good *ummah* and harmonious society.

It was narrated from Abu  
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*  
*'anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ  
said:

***By Allah, he does not  
believe! By Allah, he does  
not believe! By Allah,***

***he does not believe!” It was said, “Who is that, O Allah’s Apostle?” He said, “That person whose neighbor does not feel safe from his evil.”***

***(Ahmad)***



**The Muslims are forbidden from harming, hurting, or causing their neighbors to feel uncomfortable. Among matters that should not be committed are parking one's vehicle in the**

**neighbor's area without  
their permission, causing  
ruckus especially when  
the neighbors are resting,  
allowing leaves and fruits  
from our plants to fall into  
the neighbor's yard  
without permission,**

**and allowing animals that  
we keep to defile our  
neighbor's home.**

**Such matter may seem  
trivial to us but it can  
pierce through the hearts  
and feelings of others.**

**At times, the neighbors do not know the best way to address those issues. There also those that do not want to mention them for fear that it may affect their relationship.**

**Hence, as good Muslims,  
we must not become the  
very reason for our  
neighbors to feel  
uncomfortable or  
offended due to our own  
doing that we deem as  
trivial or petty.**

**We must demonstrate excellent exemplary to our family members by fostering firm *silaaturrahm* (ties of kinship) with our neighbors for they are our brethren. We must always**

**remind our family  
members to always  
prioritize on harmonious  
neighborhood living and  
safeguard good  
relationship with the  
neighbors. This is  
because doing good to**

neighbors is a proof and  
manifestation of *imaan*  
(belief) in Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
and the Last Day.

Narrated Abu Shurayh  
*radiyAllaahu 'anh*



that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, should honor his neighbor.”***

***(al-Bukhaari)***

Even though today our lives are preoccupied with our career and worldly affairs, let us not deprive ourselves at all from the good deeds that can be accumulated from fostering *silaaturrahm*

with our neighbors such  
as spreading the  
greetings of *salaam*,  
visiting them when they  
are sick, congratulating  
them when they are  
blessed with success,  
extending sympathy when

**they are struck with calamity, and aiding them in times of difficulty.**

**In neighborhood living, we will not escape from committing mistakes and errors. In the event that**

**we have hurt our  
neighbor's feelings in the  
past, let us reconcile and  
build a new *ukhuwwah*  
(brotherhood).**

**Apologizing is an  
excellent and  
commendable effort in**

**the sight of Allah**

***Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.***

**If there are neighbors  
that come forward to  
admit their mistakes, then  
let us accept and forgive  
them with open hearts.**

Furthermore, this is the best approach in resolving the situation. Indeed, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* truly loves those that are forgiving.

To end the *khutbah* today, I implore and invite all Muslims to internalize upon the following lessons, so as to serve as guidance and guidelines in our lives:



1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* promises various rewards and virtues in this world and the Hereafter for

**His slaves that  
preserve good  
relationship with their  
neighbors.**

2. It is *waajib*  
(obligatory) upon the  
Muslim *ummah* to fulfill  
the rights of its  
neighbors so that the  
community becomes  
safe and prosperous.


**3. The Muslim *umamah* is prohibited from harming its neighbors for such deed is greatly forbidden by the religion.**

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


***(al-Hujuraat 49:10)***



**THE SECOND  
KHUTBAH**



***“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 *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents**







**united 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*, and protect us  
from teachings that are**



**outside the fold of Islam such as *Ahmadiyyah* or *Qadiyaani* and teachings declared as astray such as *Shee'ah* and the perverted teachings of *Ilmu Shahadah Zikir Nafas* by Ismail Kassim.**



**O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in**



**performing the five daily  
prayers in congregation,  
fulfilling *zakaat* through  
*Lembaga Zakat Selangor*  
(Selangor *Zakaat* Board),  
making *waqf* and *infaaq* of**



**our wealth to *Perbadanan  
Wakaf Negeri Selangor*  
(Selangor *Waqf* Corporation)  
and *Tabung Amanah  
Pembangunan Islam Selangor*  
(Islamic Development Trust  
Fund of Selangor).**



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