




جَابَاتَانِ اِغَامَا اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْغُورِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

IVBVIVV VCVVV 12GVW 2EIVVICOB

***“LIVING HARMONIOUSLY  
WITHIN A PLURAL  
SOCIETY.”***





**In conjunction with the noble day of Friday, I remind myself and fellow blessed congregation to strive our utmost in increasing**

our *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
by fulfilling all of His  
Commands and avoiding  
all of His prohibitions.  
May Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wa Ta'aala* bless our lives  
with *ni'mah* (bounties),

*tawfeeq* (aid), and  
*hidaayah* (guidance)  
that is everlasting, and  
that we attain salvation  
in this world and the  
Hereafter.

Today, I would like to invite fellow audience to internalize upon a *khutbah* (sermon) titled

***“LIVING HARMONIOUSLY  
WITHIN A PLURAL  
SOCIETY.”***



Before proceeding with the *khutbah*, I would like to remind fellow audience upon the reminder of Rasulullah ﷺ that we are to give our full undivided attention to the *khutbah* that is being delivered.

Let us not speak and  
indulge in idle matters,  
including using our  
mobile phone while the  
*khateeb* is delivering  
the *khutbah*.

Verily, the diversity of ethnicity and way of life, difference in opinion, and cultural clash amongst mankind is from the *fitrah* (natural disposition) of the creation of mankind itself. Such diversity must



**be governed and administered in an intelligent manner. This is the great challenge in which the failure to preserve such diversity leads to conflict and war.**

**Diversity in ethnicity and culture is actually important for the wellbeing of this earth. When they are combined with the spirit of mutually aiding one another, tolerance, and sacrificing**

**for the nation's success,  
then human lives will  
remain peaceful and  
prosperous.**

**Therefore, Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
reminds us to live on**

**earth with harmony,  
helping and respectful of  
one another, and  
celebrating diversity.  
Islam prohibits mankind  
to distinguish one  
another based on race,  
lineage, and skin color.**

On the contrary, Islam evaluates one's nobility based on the level of *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is clearly mentioned in al-Qur'an in verse 13 of Soorah al-Hujuraat:

***“O mankind, indeed  
We have created you  
from male and female  
and made you  
peoples and tribes  
that you may know  
one another.***

***Indeed, the most noble of you in the Sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.”***



This verse explains that even though a Muslim may hail from various ethnicity, the reality is that they are all one *ummah* (nation), equal and brethren, firmly tied by the bond of *tawheed*



**(monotheism) that is  
sacred and significant in  
the Sight of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
without diminishing one's  
ethnic identity by a tiny  
bit. This was proven when  
Sayyidina Abu Bakr**

as-Siddeeq who is from  
the Arabs, Bilaal bin  
Rabah from the  
Abyssinians, Salman al-  
Faarisi from the Persians,  
and Suhayb from the  
Romans were all united  
as one Muslim *ummah*

that is upright due to  
their *imaan* and Islam.

Indeed, diversity in  
ethnicity and nation  
amongst mankind is not  
an obstacle in living

united. Islam affirms that differences are a reality that is *waajib* (obligatory) to be accepted and viewed in a positive light. Every creation of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has its own

*hikmah* (wisdom) and benefit. What is important is that ethnic diversity and cultural differences must be dealt with intelligently and with wisdom, consistent with human nature that is in

**need of each other.**

**Considering the human *fitrah* with cultural variety and ethnic diversity, Islam has outlined several ways to accelerate unity and relationship. Among them:**

**First: We must identify the commonalities and guard the limits of dispute whenever there arise differences. For example, all nations love mutual aiding of one another, preserving one's honor,**



**and friendliness. So, let  
us trigger such  
environment for it can  
unite the hearts of  
mankind and create  
harmony.**



**Second: We must become individuals that initiate the culture of smiling and spreading *salaam* (greeting) to anyone that we encounter. It is a special *kalimah* (words) that is to be disseminated**

and spread according to Islamic teachings, which loves peace and harmony. Such was the advice of the Prophet ﷺ to the Ansaar and Muhaajireen, when he ﷺ first arrived in Madeenah, as mentioned

by ‘Abdullah bin Salaam  
*radhiyAllaahu ‘anh,*  
stating:

***“When the Rasulullah  
(ﷺ) arrived in al-  
Madeenah, the people  
came out to meet him.***

***It was said that  
Rasulullah (ﷺ) had  
arrived, so I went  
among the people to get  
a look at him. When I  
gazed upon the face of  
the Messenger of Allah,***

***I knew that this face was not the face of a liar. The first thing that he spoke about was that he said: 'O you people! Spread the salaam, feed (others),***

***and perform salaah  
while the people are  
sleeping; you will  
enter Paradise with  
(the greeting of)  
salaam.”***

***(at-Tirmidhi)***

**It must be known that a diverse society is nothing new within the Muslim world. A plural society has existed for many centuries. It cannot be denied factually that mankind lived in peace**



when ruled by a just ruler  
on earth. Allah

*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*

firmly asserted that

harmony can only exist

when the nation's

leadership is committed

to uphold justice and



equality that are  
espoused within Islamic  
teachings. Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
mentions in verse 8 of  
Soorah al-Maa'idah:

***“O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being***

***just. Be just; that is  
nearer to  
righteousness. And  
fear Allah; indeed,  
Allah is Acquainted  
with what you do.”***

**Based on this verse, it is very clear that upholding justice is greatly demanded in Islam.**

**Justice that is meant is not equality as espoused by the West, but justice according to Islam is**

granting rights upon  
those deserving of it.

*Allah Subhaanahu Wa  
Ta'aala* has  
commanded us to be  
compassionate and

humane upon those that  
are weak and in need  
of assistance.

To end the *khutbah* this  
time, I would like to  
implore and invite the

**entire Muslim *ummah*  
to internalize upon  
the following lessons  
so as to serve as  
guidance in our lives:**

**1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the creation of different nations and ethnicities truly manifests the greatness of Allah, for us to know one another.**



**2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain respectful of one another though living amongst diverse ethnicity in attaining harmonious living.**

**3. It is waajib upon the Muslim *ummah* to strive in spreading the truthfulness and justice of Islam to all walks of life that are comprised of various ethnicities and nations.**

***“And We have not sent  
you except  
comprehensively to  
mankind as a bringer of  
good tidings and a  
warner. But most of the  
people do not know.”***

***(Saba’ 34:28)***



**THE SECOND  
KHUTBAH**



**Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and diligently indulge in righteous deeds, as well as manifesting the akhlaaq of Rasulullah ﷺ.**



**Furthermore, let us always  
increase our *salawaat* and  
*salaam* upon our Prophet  
Muhammad ﷺ. 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 *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 *Qadiyaani***



**and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. 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).**



جہان اکبر انبیا اکبر مشائخ اکبر

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

**DISEDIAKAN OLEH / PREPARED BY :**

**UNIT KHUTBAH,**

**BAHAGIAN PENGURUSAN MASJID,**

**JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR**