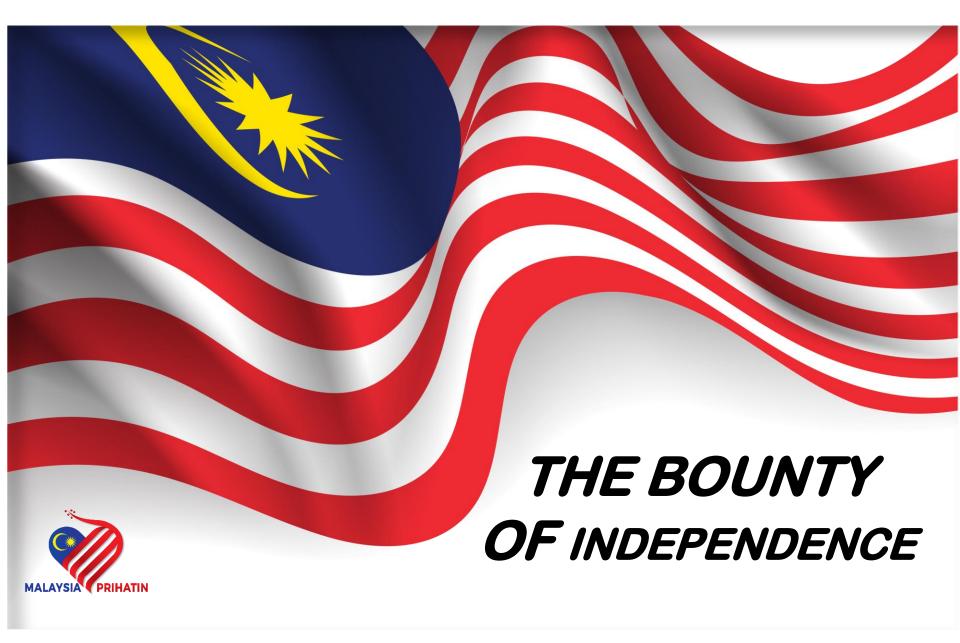




Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

The *khutbah* today is titled



Alhamdulillaah, we are truly grateful to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for blessing us with the opportunity to celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the nation's Independence.

Independence is a favor from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that is of utmost value. Through independence, we are free from the shackles of colonialism and have

the liberty to govern our own nation.

Even then, as believers, independence is not the ultimate goal in our lives for our priority is to live

with happiness and prosperity in a country that is just and prosperous, as well as attaining the forgiveness of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as mentioned in verse 15 of soorah Sabaa':

"A good land [have you], and a forgiving Lord."

As a sign of thankfulness and appreciation for the bounty of independence, aside from waving the "jalur gemilang" (i.e. national flag) as a sign of patriotism, we should fulfill our independence

by developing the nation towards prosperity. It is not only an 'ibaadah (act of worship), but a duty as vicegerents on earth. As Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 30 of surah al-Baqarah:

"And [mention, O Muhammad], when your Lord said to the angels, "Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority.""

Ibn Jareer, in his tafseer, stated that khaleefah (vicegerent) is the successor in determining a particular matter with justice for all creations.

Therefore, the task entrusted by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon the leaders include all aspects of community living such as knowledge, economy, social, and politics so that the

ummah will attain its goal unto becoming an ummah of excellence, as mentioned in verse 143 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"And thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you."

In commemorating the independence, all forms of colonization that still dominates the intellect, economy, and cultural values of the citizens must be fully eradicated for they are violations

of basic human rights and defilement upon the purity of fitrah (natural disposition) bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. May we continue to advance forward and safeguard the five

matters prescribed by the 'Ulamaa' (Muslim scholars), namely preserving the religion, life, lineage, intellect, and property. We are all responsible as leaders that will be questioned

in the Hereafter, as explained in the hadeeth of 'Abdullah bin 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, where Rasulullah said:

"All of you are guardians and are responsible for your subjects."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

In conjunction with the Merdeka (Independence) Day celebration for our nation this year, which almost coincides with the Ma'al Hijrah 1442

celebration last week, let us beseech Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to grant us the strength to undertake hijrah (migration) in becoming closer to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

And that we remain istiqaamah (steadfast) in performing righteous deeds that will lead us to Paradise.

We ask Allah to protect us from the evil temptation of our own nafs (desire) that leads to evil and disobedience. May we all attain the protection of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala from the

torment of Hellfire.

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To end this *khutbah*, let us internalize upon several important matters as follows:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that we have been entrusted with the responsibility as vicegerents to govern this earth based upon authentic 'aqeedah and Sharee 'ah.

2. The Muslim ummah must remain grateful to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for the great favor of independence, and altogether fulfil its mission with the agenda of building the ummah.

3. The Muslim ummah must foster Islamic brotherhood and throw away the strife amongst each other for the sake of national prosperity and the well-being of the people.

"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

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic 'ageedah that is certain and sound. Let us unite upon any situations, firmly united facing any circumstances

and enemy's threat, whether hidden or apparent. The unity of the Muslim ummah is the foundational strength towards the nurturing of

Khayra Ummah (the best nation). Muslims are entitled to have differing views, what more in worldly matters, but the Muslim ummah must continue to

unite in *fikrah* (thoughts) and understanding according to the guidelines of the *kalimah* (phrase)

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and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as sound Islamic brotherhood principles.

In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it necessitate every masjid attendees to remain disciplined and that it is waajib (obligatory) to abide

by the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that has been outlined by JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department) specifically in performing the

wudoo' (ablution) at home, bringing one's own prayer mat, wearing the face mask while at the Masjid and Surau, and practicing social distancing.

Those that are unhealthy or unwell are prohibited from performing salaah in the Masjid and Surau.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and blessings upon this state that continues to

prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19.

