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## "DO NOT SLANDER"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بَغَيْرِ مَا  
اَكْتَسَبُوا فَقَدِ احْتَمَلُوا بُهْتَانًا وَإِثْمًا مُّبِينًا ﴿٥٨﴾<sup>1</sup>  
اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلهَ اِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَاَشْهَدُ اَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا  
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهِ  
وَصَحْبِهِ ۚ اَجْمَعِينَ.  
اَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا اَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللهَ، اُوْصِيْكُمْ وَاِيَّايَ بِتَقْوٰى  
اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.  
قَالَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا  
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us engage only in matters that are allowed by Him. May we become individuals that are obedient, moreover spared from humiliation in this world, and saved from the torment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*'s Hellfire in the Hereafter.

Today's sermon is titled "DO NOT SLANDER."

<sup>1</sup> al-Ahzaab 33:58

<sup>2</sup> Aali-'Imraan 3:102



**Dear blessed audience,**

*Fitnah* (slander) refers to accusation or allegation that is purposely intended whether in the form of writing, picture, video, and others. *Fitnah* is a very despicable act that can degrade or humiliate an individual, a group, or even an institution, while the accusation hurled is actually untrue. With the advancement in information technology today, we find the spread of *fitnah* through the misuse of social media. It happens very quick and widespread through mediums like WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram (IG), and others. Even more unfortunate, it is disseminated under the pretext of freedom of speech, without authentication, and consideration of its adverse effects.

This very attitude is vehemently prohibited in Islam. This is because Islam teaches its adherents to have every piece of news received thoroughly vetted before spreading it to others.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the 6<sup>th</sup> verse of soorah al-Hujuraat:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا

قَوْمًا بِجَهْلَةٍ فَتُصِبْحُوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ ﴿٦﴾

**“O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful.”**

Based on this verse, it is *waajib* (obligatory) upon every Muslim to investigate all information received so as to not get entangled with news that are defamatory.



**Dear esteemed guests of Allah,**

*Fitnah* is truly dangerous and it must be avoided. Speeches and writings that are slanderous can result in misconceptions and negative perceptions, leading to hatred among each other, and hence inciting enmity. *Fitnah* can result in character assassination and bring about humiliation upon an individual. *Fitnah* mongers are not worried about the failure of a person, but instead they fear the success of others. Therefore, enmity and character assassination will soon become the cause for the destruction of social and national harmony.

Take heed, O *fitnah* mongers, of the admonition and threat conveyed by the Prophet ﷺ through the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*:

إِنَّ الْعَبْدَ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِالْكَلِمَةِ مَا يَتَّبِعُنُ فِيهَا، يَزِلُّ بِهَا إِلَى النَّارِ أَبْعَدِ  
مِمَّا بَيْنَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ

**“The servant speaks words without thinking whether it is right or wrong, he may slip down in the Fire farther than the distance between the east and the west.”**

(Agreed Upon)

**Dearest audience,**

*Fitnah* can occur whether realized or not, when one mentions or narrates the shortcoming or disability of others without prior investigation. *Fitnah* mongers would usually hide behind certain phrases such as “I heard that”, “I heard an account”, or “I sought clarification”. However, when the *fitnah* has been spread from one to another, becoming the talk of the



town non-stop and oft-repeated, then it is as if the unverified information has turned into something that is true.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 36 of soorah al-Israa':

وَلَا تَقْفُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ  
أُولَئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا ﴿٣٦﴾

**“And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned.”**

Rivalries between leaders whom then resort to the weapon of fitnah mongering will only cause the state and nation to plunge into the valley of destruction. Tale-bearing has shattered the hopes of the citizens who sought refuge in the leaders as exemplars in harmonizing one another, practicing good governance, and prospering community and state living.

The second of the Rightly-Guided Caliph, Sayyidina ‘Umar al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* had one said, “If a mule were to stumble on the bank of the Euphrates, I would’ve feared Allah asking me about it in the Hereafter, why I did not pave the way for it?” The justice of ‘Umar al-Khattaab was not confined to only humans, but it was for all creations of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Rasulullah ﷺ gave admonition on the significance for the leaders to be just, as mentioned in the narration of ‘Awf bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنْ شِئْتُمْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ عَنِ الْإِمَارَةِ وَمَا هِيَ؟ أَوْلَهَا مَلَامَةٌ، وَثَانِيهَا  
نَدَامَةٌ، وَثَالِثُهَا عَذَابٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِلَّا مَنْ عَدَلَ



**“If you wish, I will tell you about leadership and what it is? The first is blameworthy, the second is remorse, and the third is torment on the Day of Resurrection except for those who are just.”**

(at-Tabaraani)

**Dear blessed audience,**

Among the evidences from the religious texts that prohibits and abhors the act of spreading *fitnah* are:

**First:** Slanderers are the most deplored people. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 10 and 11 of soorah al-Qalam:

وَلَا تُطِيعُ كُلَّ حَلَّافٍ مَّهِينٍ ﴿١٠﴾ هَمَّازٍ مَّشَاءٍ بِنَمِيمٍ ﴿١١﴾

**“And do not obey every worthless habitual swearer. [And] scorner, going about with malicious gossip.”**

‘Abdur Rahman bin Ghanm *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* reported: Rasulullah ﷺ said:

شِرَارُ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الْمَشَاوُونَ بِالنَّمِيمَةِ، الْمُفْرِقُونَ بَيْنَ الْأَحِبَّةِ،  
الْبَاغُونَ الْبُرَاءَ الْعَنْتَ

**“The worst servants of Allah are those who carry gossip, separating between loved ones, and seeking misery for the innocent.”**

(Ahmad)

**Second:** The *fitnah* monger will be severely punished. In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*, he narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ had



mentioned about two people who were punished in the grave, where he ﷺ stated:

**“These two men are being severely punished in their graves for a trivial matter. One of them did not take care to keep his garments clean of urine. The other harmed people with his tongue, carrying gossip between them.”**

(al-Bukhaari)

And in another *hadeeth* narrated by Samurah bin Jundub *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, the Prophet ﷺ said:

وَأَمَّا الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي أَتَيْتَ عَلَيْهِ، يُشَرُّ شِرًّا شِدْقُهُ إِلَى قَفَاهُ،  
وَمَنْخِرُهُ إِلَى قَفَاهُ، وَعَيْنُهُ إِلَى قَفَاهُ، فَإِنَّهُ الرَّجُلُ يَغْدُو مِنْ  
بَيْتِهِ، فَيَكْذِبُ الْكَذِبَةَ تَبْلُغُ الْآفَاقَ

**“As for the man you came upon, whose sides of mouth, nostrils and eyes were torn off from front to back, he is the symbol of the man who goes out of his house in the morning and tells lies that are spread all over the world.”**

(al-Bukhaari)

**Third:** The slanderer will not enter Paradise. This is as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Hudhayfah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where he heard Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَتَاتٌ

**“The talebearer will not enter Paradise.”**

(al-Bukhaari)



**Fourth:** Severe torment awaits those that are immersed in spreading *fitnah*, as mentioned by Allah in the 19<sup>th</sup> verse of soorah an-Noor:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ  
فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

**“Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread [or publicized] among those who have believed will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter. And Allah knows and you do not know.”**

**Dear blessed audience,**

To end the *khutbah* delivered on this noble day, I would like to remind fellow respected audience that:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that every words uttered and actions committed will be held accountable in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* in the Hereafter.
2. The Muslims are forbidden from spreading *fitnah* for it can cause dispute and disunity.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain vigilant by always verifying every piece of information received, in avoiding the spread of *fitnah* that is truly detrimental. And,
4. Take heed, for the slanderer will turn bankrupt in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* for having to recompense the defamed person.





أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعْلَمُ مَا تُوَسَّوَسُ بِهِ نَفْسُهُ وَنَحْنُ  
أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ ﴿١٦﴾ إِذْ يَتَلَقَّى الْمُتَلَقِّيَانِ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ  
الشِّمَالِ قَعِيدٌ ﴿١٧﴾ مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ﴿١٨﴾

“And We have already created man and know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than [his] jugular vein. When the two receivers receive, seated on the right and on the left. Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record].”

(Qaf 50:16-18)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ  
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ  
تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.  
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
المُسْلِمِينَ وَالمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ  
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا  
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ  
الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ  
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.



وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

**Respected audience,**

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic *'aqeedah*. The Muslims must remain united at heart in facing atmospheres, perverted ideologies, and threats by the enemies of Islam. The solid unity of the Muslim *ummah* is the foundational strength towards the development of an *ummah* that is dignified, capable, and upright. Let us unite upon the spirit of firm *tawheed*, لا إله إلا الله, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as the *Qudwah* (exemplary) of Rasulullah ﷺ.

The high number of Covid-19 cases recorded in Selangor according to statistics truly necessitate strict adherence to the SOP regulated by the government, the SOP released by JAIS in preventing the spread of Covid-19, and exercising self-control in this very difficult situation. Let us increase our *yaqeen* (certainty) in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, upholding his Oneness, purifying Him from other deities, as well as making *tawbah* (repentance). Let us ponder upon our wrongdoings in the past, that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* sends this calamity and pandemic upon us. Let us not get riled up in spewing accusations, slander, or blaming those whom are diligently trying to overcome this severe predicament.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ  
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ



الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ  
تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ،  
جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ  
الدِّينِ ادْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ، ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ  
عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ  
وَالْتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ،  
تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ  
وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ  
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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.

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.



رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ  
إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا  
عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣١﴾.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ  
وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.