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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



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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 6th verse of soorah al-Hujuraat:

"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.

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 through the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh:

"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)

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 oftrepeated, 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':

"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 gave admonition on the significance for the leaders to be just, as mentioned in the narration of 'Awf bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh, where Rasulullah said:

"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)

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 alQalam:

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

'Abdur Rahmaan bin Ghanm radiyAllaahu 'anh reported: Rasulullah said:

"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 had mentioned about two people who were

punished in the grave, where he 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 said:

"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 said:

"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 19th verse of soorah an-Noor:

"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."

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.

"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)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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, الله إلا الله, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and al-Hadeeth, as well as the Qudwah (exemplary) of Rasulullah

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 selfcontrol 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.

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.

