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## “DO WE PRIDE OURSELVES AS FITNAH MONGERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA?”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهْلَةٍ فَتُصِبْحُوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ

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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ١٢

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I humbly remind myself and respected audience, that let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by abiding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May our lives in this world and the Hereafter remain in the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

<sup>1</sup> al-Hujuraat 49:6.

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



On this noble day, let us subject ourselves to *muhaasabah* (self-evaluation) through a *khutbah* titled: **“DO WE PRIDE OURSELVES AS FITNAH MONGERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA?”**

**Dear respected audience,**

In this modern and sophisticated age, the disease of *fitnah* (slander) spreads very rapidly, even further intensified with the presence of various platform within the social media and the internet at the fingertips. Diseases of the heart that had long existed since the time Prophet Adam ‘*Alayhissalaam* was sent down to earth, now is becoming more rampant.

If in the old days, *fitnah* would spread from ‘ear to ear’ or verbally, which takes quite a long time to propagate, nowadays it only takes a few seconds to spread all over the world. *Fitnah* nowadays would spread by the fingertips via the smartphone or computer screen that enables anyone to fabricate a slander and spread it to others. This matter not only tarnishes the dignity of the victim of defamation, but more unfortunate is that it can lead to a much severe social illness with the eruption of division with the society.

Have we ever thought, what would be the ramification upon the victim of such *fitnah*, when we do not even know the actual truth to the story, but because we want to be a top notch *fitnah* monger we could not be bothered with the prohibitions within our religion, while Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* has reminded us in verse 6 of soorah al-Hujuraat that was recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

**“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.”**

**Beloved audience,**



Therefore, if we come across any postings that are unverified of its authenticity, let us advice our colleagues whom have shared such postings. However, if we are unable to advise them, then we should just toss it away without responding. Similarly, with those chain messages that we receive in WhatsApp groups stating 'copied and pasted from another group', all these should be ignored and expunged straightaway in preventing us from becoming complicit in the disobedience and sinful act.

As in the *hadeeth* of Hafs bin 'Aasim, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

كَفَى بِالْمَرْءِ كَذِبًا أَنْ يُحَدِّثَ بِكُلِّ مَا سَمِعَ

**"It is enough of a lie for a man to narrate everything he hears."**

(Muslim)

**Dear beloved Muslims,**

Do we not think about the predicament upon the victim of *fitnah*, how would the person face the society and nation, whilst the world community denounces and insults his dignity.

Hence, as Muslim *ummah* that has declared and testified full obedience to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and Rasulullah ﷺ through the pronouncement of the two testimony of faith (*shahaadah*), we should not be involved at all in spreading such *fitnah*.

Take heed upon the stern warning from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentioned in verse 19 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 noble audience,**

Let us place ourselves in the position of the victim of such *fitnah*, how would we feel if we were defamed at will to the detriment of our honor.

Remember upon the warning of the Prophet ﷺ in his *hadeeth* narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah, where he said:

يَتَقَارَبُ الزَّمَانُ وَيُقْبَضُ الْعِلْمُ وَتَظْهَرُ الْفِتْنُ وَيُلْقَى  
الشُّحُّ وَيَكْثُرُ الْهَرْجُ. قَالُوا وَمَا الْهَرْجُ قَالَ "الْقَتْلُ".

***“(When) the time would draw close to the Last Hour, knowledge would be snatched away, turmoil would be rampant, miserliness would be put (in the hearts of the people) and there would be much Harj. They said: “What is the Harj?” Thereupon he said: “It is killing.””***

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Therefore, as Muslims, we must stay away from any effort of spreading slander. Let us not feel enthralled in disseminating information that we do not even know of its authenticity, just because we want to become champions in the social media. For its consequences are truly grave, among them:

1. Loss of trust and deemed as among the transgressors (*faasiqoon*).

Allah mentions in verse 4 of soorah an-Noor:



وَالَّذِينَ يَرْمُونَ الْمُحْصَنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَأْتُوا بِأَرْبَعَةِ شُهَدَاءَ فَاجْلِدُوهُمْ  
ثَمَانِينَ جَلْدَةً وَلَا تَقْبَلُوا لَهُمْ شَهَادَةً أَبَدًا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٤﴾

**“And those who accuse chaste women and then do not produce four witnesses - lash them with eighty lashes and do not accept from them testimony ever after. And those are the defiantly disobedient.”**

2. Deprived from the reward of Paradise for the *fitnah* monger.

In the Hereafter, those that fabricate and spread *fitnah* will not attain the reward of Paradise from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Hudhayfah *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ نَمَّامٌ

**“The tale-bearer shall not enter Paradise.”**

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

3. Booking a place in the Fire of Hell.

The *fitnah* monger will become the denizen of the Fire of Hell, while those that spread and believed in the *fitnah* will also be given the same punishment and sin.

Due to the adverse effect upon the lives of the Muslims from the spreading of *fitnah*, let us altogether strive to become those that are always spreading peace and mutually strengthen the bond of brotherhood. Let us become true believers, as mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 10 of soorah al-Hujuraat:



إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

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

**Dear blessed audience,**

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether internalize the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that spreading *fitnah* is a major sin and committing such evil act will plunge one into the valley of humiliation.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must fully realize that remaining silent is the better option, where we only speak when necessary and only propagate things that bring about benefit.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always safeguard its tongue with vigilance and wisdom so as to become among those that are preserved by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in this world and the Hereafter.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must remain cognizant that even though the door of *tawbah* (repentance) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is wide open, it has its end date. So, hasten in repenting to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَنُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ  
عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْحَرِيقِ ﴿١٠﴾



**“Indeed, those who have tortured the believing men and believing women and then have not repented will have the punishment of Hell, and they will have the punishment of the Burning Fire.”**

(Soorah al-Burooj 85:10)

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  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ 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.

**Dear blessed audience,**

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic.

May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, disciplined in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and deriving lessons from everything that has happened, always vigilant and mindful though we have been given a bit of freedom to move about. This is because the entire nation is still fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the society as a whole.



For those that are truly affected by this pandemic, do not take the easy way out by harming and injuring oneself. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.

Let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has commanded:

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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ



الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيْر شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Word and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اذْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.  
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى  
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



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