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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.

On this noble day, let us subject ourselves to *muhaasabah* (self-evaluation) through a *khutbah* titled



In this modern and sophisticated age, the disease of fitnah (slander) spreads very even further rapidly, intensified with the of various presence 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 the via 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."

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 preventing us from becoming complicit in the disobedience and sinful act.

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

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

(Muslim)

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 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:

"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."

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 in his hadeeth narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah, where he said:

"(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 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 (faasigoon).

Allah mentions in verse 4 of soorah an-Noor:

"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 *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, Rasulullah ﷺ said:



"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:

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

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

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that spreading fitnah is a sin and major 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 that propagate things bring about benefit.

3. The Muslim ummah always must 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.

"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)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the tagwa 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, and 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



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



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 our wealth (infaaq) through Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund),

and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

