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## "LEADERS AND NATION"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثِيَ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ  
فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهُ حَيٰوةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾<sup>1</sup>  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيْكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I sincerely remind myself and fellow audience that let us altogether strive to increase our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions, as well as striving to pursue life that is blessed and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Today, I will be delivering a *khutbah* titled "**LEADERS AND NATION.**"

<sup>1</sup> an-Nahl 16:97.

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



## Dear blessed Friday congregation,

Leaders with integrity is an important element and carry a huge role in developing behavior, people, society, and how a nation can be governed in an orderly manner, respected, and leaving good legacy for the future. Virtuous values (*mahmoodah*) will manifest excellent norms and standards in the life of a leader. Leaders having integrity, honesty, and *amaanah* (trustworthy) not only can change the landscape and ecosystem of communal life, moreover they will drive the country to attain the objective that has been formulated so that the country becomes sustainable, stable, well-respected, and having its own identity. Not a nation that is known with *nifaaq* (hypocrisy), plagued with issues and controversies pertaining power abuse, bribery, breach of trust, betrayal, as well as provocation that will destroy the generation of integrity and unity of the nation and its people.

Integrity is strict adherence to religious principles, universal values and norms, and strong ethics. The best individual that we truly love, our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, had distinguished himself as the icon for the servant of Allah possessing high integrity, that he was known as '*al-Ameen*', which is '*the one who is very trustworthy*' among the Muslim community at that time. Four personal attributes and praiseworthy traits of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم that upholds the meaning and serve as the core to the value of integrity are *Siddeeq* (truthful), *Amaanah* (trustworthy), *Tableegh* (conveys), and *Fatanah* (wise). As Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 21 of Soorah al-Ahzaab:



لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا  
اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٢١﴾

***“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often.”***

Integrity is a complementary component to be emulated and in building a nation that is thriving, peaceful, and prosperous. Integrity based upon Islamic values that is centered upon the strength of ‘*aqeedah*, *Sharee‘ah*, and *akhlaaq* is the best solution for the destruction and turmoil occurring within oneself, organizations, and the nation today. *Ikhlaas* (sincerity) and *amaanah* within a leader will shape and produce national policies that will uphold the interests of the people and national development that is balanced, in spiritual and physical terms. On the contrary, leaders that purely yearn for authority and seeking worldly fortune will become pests and traitors to the people and nation.

There are a plethora of stories depicting the honesty of the Prophets and the Messengers that we can emulate from their life journey. Among them is where Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions the honesty and trustworthiness of Prophet Moosa ‘*alayhissalaam* in verse 26 of soorah al-Qasas:

قَالَتْ إِحْدَاهُمَا يَا أَبَتِ اسْتَجِرْهُ ۖ إِنَّ خَيْرَ مَن اسْتَجَرْتَ  
الْقَوِيَّ الْأَمِينُ ﴿٢٦﴾



**“One of the women said, “O my father, hire him. Indeed, the best one you can hire is the strong and the trustworthy.””**

This verse actually carries a very deep meaning. It not only proves the strength and trustworthiness of Prophet Moosa *‘alayhissalaam*, but it highlights the leadership quality of Prophet Moosa *‘alayhissalaam* in perfecting the tasks given with full integrity.

### **Blessed Muslims,**

The traits of sincerity and trustworthy that are *waajib* (obligatory) upon every leader is the main condition stipulated by Islam so that the leaders can guide the society and nation towards good. Its benefit or virtue will not only be reaped by that particular leader, but the entire society instead. Aside from that, the enculturation and practice of *amaanah* and *ikhlaas* in leadership are also heavily emphasized in Islam. Wake up, dear leaders! Do not become traitors upon the *amaanah* bestowed. Refer to the words of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* in verse 27 of soorah al-Anfaal:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمْنَتِكُمْ  
وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

**“O you who have believed, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence].”**

**Dear blessed audience,**

Verily, leaders that do not uphold the values of integrity, honesty, and trustworthy will only cause them to plunge into acts of disobedience and



hypocrisy such as bribery, abuse of power, breach of trust, and spreading fitnah, causing severe damage upon communal living and nationhood.

This warning was firmly stated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 16 of soorah al-Israa':

وَإِذَا أَرَدْنَا أَنْ نُهْلِكَ قَرْيَةً أَمَرْنَا مُتْرَفِيهَا فَفَسَقُوا فِيهَا فَحَقَّ  
عَلَيْهَا الْقَوْلُ فَدَمَّرْنَاهَا تَدْمِيرًا ﴿١٦﴾

***“And when We intend to destroy a city, We command its affluent but they defiantly disobey therein; so the word comes into effect upon it, and We destroy it with [complete] destruction.”***

Observe the examples portrayed in al-Qur'an and also in the *seerah* (biography) of Rasulullah ﷺ, where we find that honesty and trustworthy are identities that are integrated within the leader. The leader must manifest not only gentle manners, but noble *akhlaaq* from the aspect of honesty and sincerity, as well as reliable and entrusted by the people, moreover honored by other nations across the globe. At the same time, honest and trustworthy leaders are surely those that are not only honest to others, but also to themselves.

In the *hadeeth* of Ma'qil bin Yasar, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَا مِنْ وَالٍ يَلِي رَعِيَّةً مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، فَيَمُوتُ وَهُوَ غَاشٌّ  
لَهُمْ، إِلَّا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ

***“If any ruler having the authority to rule Muslim subjects dies while he is deceiving them, Allah will forbid Paradise for him.”***



(al-Bukhaari)

## Beloved Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, I would like to summarize the sermon into several essences, namely;

1. Every leader must remain diligent in abiding and practicing the traits of *amaanah*, honesty, and *ikhlaas* just as they were commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. Leaders that betrays, cheats, and abuses power just to accumulate personal wealth will definitely be hated by the people and cursed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for it can destroy an entire nation.

3. If the leaders are corrupt, then the nation becomes corrupt, just like the old saying "if the water is murky upstream, then it remains murky downstream."

4. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid immoral acts and change to cling firmly upon religious principles and universal ethical values, so that we can altogether build a society of high moral and ethics, hence becoming a nation that is well-respected.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى ﴿١٢٤﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا  
﴿١٢٥﴾ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيتَهَا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنْسَى ﴿١٢٦﴾



**“And whoever turns away from My remembrance - indeed, he will have a depressed life, and We will gather him on the Day of Resurrection blind.” He will say, “My Lord, why have you raised me blind while I was [once] seeing?” [Allah] will say, “Thus did Our signs come to you, and you forgot them; and thus will you this Day be forgotten.”**

(Soorah Ta-Ha 20:124-126)

بَارِكْ 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

أَلْحَمْدُ 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,**

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.



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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ 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.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّدَ عَهْدَ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَاوَنَ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ



وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُمْسِكِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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).

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength. Therefore, it is prohibited for any politicians to speak in the *masaajid* or *suraus* in this state.

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



رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.  
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ 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.