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I sincerely remind myself and fellow esteemed audience to have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and

His avoiding all of prohibitions. May we become the among of Allah servants Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that attain His Pleasure in this world and the Hereafter.

In conjunction with the celebration of Malaysia Day this year, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled



The 16th of September that is commemorated every year as Malaysia Day intends to remind us upon the formation, establishment, and declaration of the union of 11 states from the

Federation of Malaya (Persekutuan Tanah Melayu), Sabah (formerly known as North Borneo), Sarawak, and Singapore as a nation called Malaysia. The agreement to form Malaysia was

attained on 31st August, 1963, however its declaration was delayed after the report from the Secretary-General of the United Nations was 14th obtained on September, 1963.

The history of the the formation of Federation of Malaysia began with the intention of Tunku Abdul Rahman who wanted to assist in freeing Sabah, Sarawak, and Singapore from the

communists, aside from uniting the 14 states as an independent nation. Tunku Abdul Rahman, the Prime Minister of Malaysia at the time, stated in his declaration: "...As from the Sixteenth day of

September in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, corresponding to the twenty-eighth day of Rabee' al-Aakhir in the year of the Hijrah one thousand three hundred and eighty-three, that

MALAYSIA comprising of Pahang, the States Kedah, Trengganu, Sembilan, Johore, Negri Kelantan, Selangor, Perak, Perlis, Penang, Malacca, Singapore, Sabah and Sarawak shall

by the Grace of God, the Lord of the Universe, forever be an independent and sovereign democratic State founded upon liberty and justice, ever seeking to defend and

uphold and peace harmony among its people and to perpetuate peace among nations."

The sacred dates of Independence Day on 31st August, 1957 and 16th Malaysia Day on September, 1963 should make all Malaysians cognizant that it has been 59 years since this

nation was established and 65 years since its independence. However, what is the state of affairs of this nation at this point of time? The long journey of 65 years should have solidified the

spirit of unity and togetherness among all members of the multiracial society as one family. One family meaning that each family member is responsible and carries a role in

ensuring sufficiency, blissfulness, as well as the safety of the family being guaranteed and preserved.

Every Malaysian citizen, according to his or her

level best, is capable of significant rendering contribution to the nation, beginning from the Head of State to the young child. Nation building is not shouldered fully upon certain

individuals but instead it is a shared responsibility. To say it simply, our nation is our very responsibility! In realizing sustainable national development, there are three main

aspects that must be given focus in ensuring country's the stability, sociopolitical namely social unity, holistic education, and economic integrity.

Social unity is the key to the integrity of an ummah (nation). The history of the Muhaajireen, whom lived on barren land and possessing expertise in trade, they undertook

hijrah (migration) and left all of their wealth and possesions in Makkah, unite and only to assimilate with the denizens of Madeenah whom lived on fertile land and were well-versed in

agriculture. On the basis of brotherhood, the Ansaar did not leave their brethren in destitution, and instead aid was given in all aspects of need.

Today in Malaysia, specifically the Muslims are still bickering with each other due to political and personal interests. Strife, enmity, as well as hatred still thrives, to the point of

bringing down fellow citizen unethically, even among Muslims. We find that there are extremists that would incite provocation, sowing the fitnah of division and fanning the flames of

racism, creating an atmosphere. unsafe While, Rasulullah had reminded us, as in the hadeeth of Abu Moosa radiyAllaahu 'anh, where he said:

believer "A to another believer is like a building whose different parts enforce each other."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Rasulullah si also firmly stated, as in the meaning of the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh recorded by Imaam Muslim, that a Muslim is a brother to other Muslims. It is haraam (unlawful) for

a Muslim to shed the blood of his fellow brother, seizing his wealth, and tarnishing his honor. A Muslim does not oppress his fellow brethren, allowing him to be persecuted and

insulted. A Muslim with his fellow Muslim brethren would not be envious of each other, lying, hating, cheating, betraying, and undercut others in his mu'aamalaat (social dealings).

Holistic education and knowledge that is balanced from the aspects of intellectuality, emotions, physical, and spiritual are vital in producing quality human capital. In Islam,

categorization is made between the knowledge of fard al-'ayn (individual obligation) and fard alkifaayah (communal obligation). The 'ilm (knowledge) of fard al-'ayn is further

into categorized knowledge pertaining to belief as the knowledge of 'aqeedah (creed), knowledge regarding deeds as the knowledge of figh (jurisprudence), and knowledge relating

to spirituality as the knowledge of tasawwuf. The purpose of seeking knowledge, in essence, is not geared towards one's career, but instead it is a stipulation and obligation. In the hadeeth

of Anas bin radiyAllaahu
Rasulullah said:

Maalik 'anh,

"Seeking knowledge is a duty upon every Muslim."

(ibn Maajah)

Al-Imaam an-Nawawi mentioned the words of al-Imaam ash-Shaafi'i in his work titled al-"Seeking Majmoo : knowledge is more important than the sunnah prayer.

There is no worship that is more important after the obligatory prayers than seeking knowledge. Those who want to pursue the world, he must reach it

with knowledge. Likewise, for those who want to achieve success in the Hereafter. Whoever does not love knowledge, there is no good in him..."

Economic integrity is an important aspect in reflecting the stability the Muslim within Economic ummah. integrity means that the nation has an economy that is sustainable and

resilient against any external and internal threats. Upon arriving in Madeenah, Rasulullah not only built a masjid, but he also established an economic center for the Muslims. At that time,

the of economy Madeenah was largely dominated by the Jews, filled with deceits, taxation, and ribaa (usury), which was then replaced upon recommendation in

reviving the market of Nabeet, mentioned in the narration of Abu Usayd radiyAllaahu collected by Imaam ibn Maajah.

The story of the well of Roomah purchased by Sayyidina 'Uthmaan radiyAllaahu 'anh from a Jew, whom then turned it into waqf (endowment) for the Muslim ummah, must be thoroughly

internalized. At that time the Muslims had no source of sweet drinkable water except for the well of Roomah that had to be purchased at a cost of 1 dirham per bag of water. Sayyidina 'Uthmaan

radiyAllaahu 'anh had offered to purchase the well but the Jew only agreed to sell half of its ownership and consumed on every other day, at a rate of 12,000 dirham. With joint agreement and

action, the Muslim ummah was able to enjoy free pleasant water fully when Sayyidina **'Uthmaan** radiyAllaahu successfully **'anh** purchased the entire ownership of the well for

an additional 8,000 dirham, amounting to 20,000 dirham in total.

This story elucidates how economy, commerce, and entrepreneurship must be

given due attention. The Muslim ummah must establish its own unique platform, market, and products. The Muslim ummah must strive to become entrepreneurs, suppliers, and traders

that are able to fulfill all of the needs of the Muslims, without having to rely upon others.

conclude this To let sermon, us altogether ponder and derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must remain grateful upon the bounty of independence and the nation's sovereignty by instilling the spirit of patriotism.

2. The Muslim ummah must partake and have a role in enhancing social unity, holistic education, and economic integrity so as to maintain the nation's sociopolitical stability.

3. The Muslim ummah must realize that Islam and all of its teachings is the religion that leads towards mankind happiness in this world and the Hereafter.

4. The Muslim ummah become must the 'king maker' in determining the direction the of ummah and nation.

"Indeed, Allah defends those who have believed. Indeed, Allah does not like everyone treacherous and ungrateful."

(al-Hajj 22:38)

## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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

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).

O Allah, bestow upon us rizq that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for they are betrayals upon the trust given.

