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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ...¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا 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 مُسْلِمُونَ²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly call upon myself and respected audience that let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in its truest sense. Let us fulfill all of the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and leave out all of His prohibitions. May Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* be pleased with our lives, that we attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ Aal 'Imraan 3:110

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



Let us remain thankful for the bounty of independence, for it is a great reward from Allah that yields various lessons and benefits, especially in our devotion and servitude to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

The onslaught of the subtlest colonizer but having grave impact is definitely related to Muslim thoughts. Truthfully, the colonialists have poisoned the minds, so much so that the self-identity of the Muslim *ummah* is pretty much nonexistent in its soul and esprit de corps. The colonizers not only have robbed off some but the entire life system. They want to shape the character of our future generation according to their wants. Hence, it is of no surprise that some of our children would have pride and confidence with the ways of the colonialists. Even more unfortunate, some would look down upon their own race with shame and accuse them as lazy and ignorant. Not just that, some would even insult their own religion under the pretext of freedom of expression. Not only in writing and criticism, but their own ethnicity and religion have now become materials for their comedy and jokes. This is the very product created by the colonialists, whose looks may seem like us, but their heart is the ugly soul of the colonialists.

The colonizers along with their colonial policies have clearly succeeded not just in looting the treasures of the land but they came attacking the minds of the citizens with various ways and techniques that are deceiving. Even though the colonialists have long returned home, their ideologies remain thriving on this land. To the Muslim *ummah*, let us rise and prove that our nation's children are capable of standing on their own feet, while their very heart and soul are ever willing to be sacrificed for the



beloved motherland. *Merdeka* (independence) of this nation is not just in its cry, so let us ensure that our independence is decorated with our ways, and not according to the rhythm of the colonial legacy.

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Today, I humbly invite all of us to ponder with full cognizance upon how the colonizers and colonialism have severely threatened our '*aqeedah*. One of the Western scholars by the name of Jacques Barzun had mentioned in his work that the expeditions carried out by the Europeans to Asia is purposely for '*God, Glory, and the Gospel,*' meaning to obtain wealth, success, and spread their religion. Even though the fortress of '*aqeedah* of the Muslim *ummah* was essentially failed to be demolished, but continuous attacks for hundreds of years will have long-term effects.

The Orientalists' movement brought along by the colonialists is the most evident proof that they relentlessly attempted to tamper the thoughts of the *ummah* with ideologies that clear cut contradicts and threatens the Islamic '*aqeedah*. The colonizers not only hunted and exterminated the scholars with the most cunning ways to eradicate Islam, but they hideously implanted colonial thinking such as secularism, liberalism, pluralism, communism, humanism, and many other isms that are apparent nowadays, dangerously affecting our generation that it has threaten the role of religion in shaping the way of life. Islam is no longer seen as a way of life, where Islam is only seen as a very narrow framework and deemed as the bogeyman that obstructs progress.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 120 of soorah al-Baqarah:



وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ قُلْ
إِنَّ هُدَىٰ اللَّهِ هُوَ الْهُدَىٰ وَلَئِنِ اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ الَّذِي جَاءَكَ
مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِن وَّلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ﴿١٢٠﴾

“And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion. Say, “Indeed, the guidance of Allah is the [only] guidance.” If you were to follow their desires after what has come to you of knowledge, you would have against Allah no protector or helper.”

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

Let us all have the spirit of independence in returning to the *qiblah* of Islam. Our glorious history has shown that Islam is a religion embraced by the majority of the masses, especially the Malays, and its teachings have become part and parcel of life since the time of the Malaccan Sultanate. Islam became the policy for the greatness of the Malay kingdom, not just in terms of administrative authority but also in the civilization that was founded. Islam has shaped the self-identity of the Malays that every single joint and backbone of the Malay culture is embroidered with Islamic teachings. Therefore, in order for us to rise in continuing to succeed and remain competent in this world and what more in the Hereafter, only the *qiblah* of Islam becomes *wajib* (obligatory) in accomplishing an independence that is pleasing to Allah. Islam, with the guidance of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*, is our true strength. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 138 of soorah al-Baqarah:



صِبْغَةَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً^ط وَنَحْنُ لَهُ عَابِدُونَ ﴿١٣٨﴾

"[And say, "Ours is] the religion of Allah. And who is better than Allah in [ordaining] religion? And we are worshippers of Him."

Let us contemplate upon the words of our freedom fighter, Dr Burhanuddin al-Helmy, whom said:

"We must return to [the teachings of] al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah that firmly and clearly manifest that Islam cannot be separated and inseparable by politics, for Islam connects the slaves with The Almighty, and connects the slaves with fellow slaves."

Blessed Muslim audience,

Let us remain thankful with the favor of this freedom. This independence is surely a tremendous reward conferred by Allah upon all of us. In these moments, we still see our Muslim brethren struggling in fighting off colonizers in their own homeland. Such tremendous sorrow that they have to endure while confronting the colonization. Tremendous amount of tears and blood were spilled in the struggle for independence in their homelands. Also, tremendous grief and frustration felt that in Allah Alone that trust is placed. All of these must be taken as lessons that the colonialists and colonialism will surely leave grave effect upon the Muslim *ummah* and Islam itself. Hence, we must be grateful for what we have now. Do not even once forget that all of these are bounties from The Almighty. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:



وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ

عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ ﴿٧﴾

“And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, ‘If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.’”

The experience of being colonized is also punishment inflicted due to unfaithfulness and weakness of *imaan* (belief) within our *ummah* whom are ungrateful. Disobedience has caused heedlessness that we became weak and colonized. To pack the independence celebration every year with entertainment culture that is detestable is a form of disobedience that will only invite the impending colonization. So, let us not invite such harm.

Dear blessed audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether internalize its conclusions, as follows;

1. Let us internalize the history of the nation’s independence so that we will thoroughly comprehend and cherish peacefulness, which is truly priceless.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must swiftly realize that the path of gratitude is the best way to cherish freedom.
3. Let us ensure that our *qiblah* of independence is Islam as the complete way of life, not utilizing the mindset of colonialists whom colonizes others.



4. Let us love our homeland and independence with full cognizance and penitence. If we do not preserve it, then surely it will be destroyed and perish.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ أَنْجَاكُمْ مِنْ
عَالِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَسُومُونَكُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ وَيَدَجِّجُونَ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ
وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ نِسَاءَكُمْ وَفِي ذَٰلِكُمْ بَلَاءٌ مِّنْ رَبِّكُمْ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٦﴾

“And [recall, O Children of Israel], when Moses said to His people, “Remember the favor of Allah upon you when He saved you from the people of Pharaoh, who were afflicting you with the worst torment and were slaughtering your [newborn] sons and keeping your females alive. And in that was a great trial from your Lord.””

(Ibraaheem 14:6)

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، أُوصِيكُمْ 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
الْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ



عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِّمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ 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), 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.



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

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا 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.