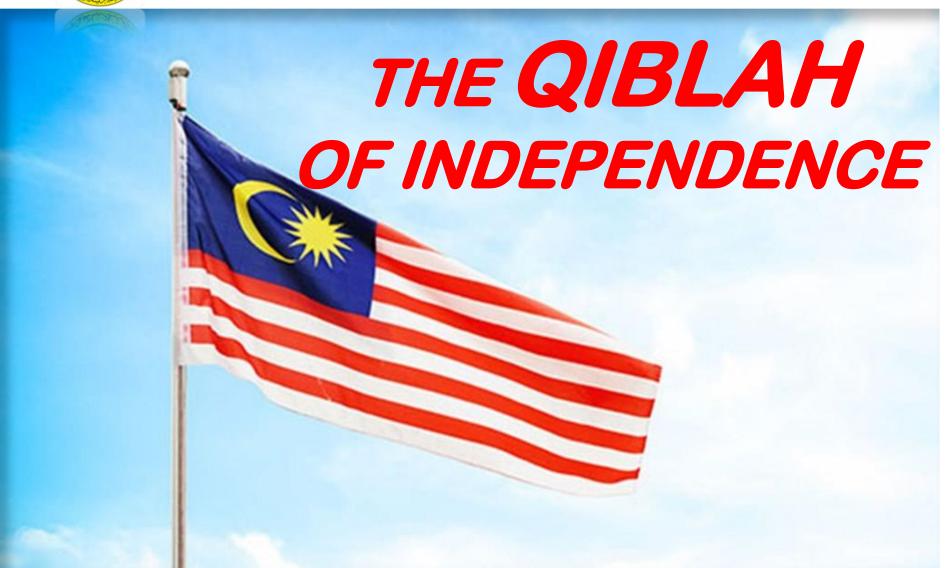


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I humbly call upon myself and respected audience that let us have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in its truest sense.

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.

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.

the The onslaught of subtlest colonizer but having grave impact is related to definitely thoughts. Muslim 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 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 by created 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.

Today, I humbly invite all of us to ponder with full cognizance upon how the colonizers and colonialism have severely threatened our 'ageedah. One of the Western scholars by the name of

Barzun had Jacques 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 'ageedah. The colonizers not only hunted and exterminated the

scholars with the most cunning to ways eradicate Islam, but they implanted hideously colonial thinking such as secularism, liberalism, pluralism, communism, humanism, and many

other isms that are apparent nowadays, affecting dangerously 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: "And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion. Say,

"Indeed, the guidance of

"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."

Let us all have the spirit of independence returning to the qiblah of Islam. Our glorious history has shown that is a religion Islam 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

waajib (obligatory) in accomplishing an independence that pleasing to Allah. Islam, with the guidance of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, is our true strength.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions verse 138 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"[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."

Let us remain thankful with the favor of this This freedom. 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 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:

"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 entertainment with culture that is detestable is a form of disobedience

that will only invite the impending colonization. So, let us not invite such harm.

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

1. Let us internalize the history of the nation's independence so that we thoroughly will 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 independence is Islam as the complete way of life, not utilizing the mindset of colonialists whom colonizes others.

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

"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)

## 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.

