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"BECOMING THE BEST NATION"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَوْ ءَامَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ
لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ مِّنْهُمْ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١١٠﴾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 مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly call upon all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us give our full undivided attention to the *khutbah* that is to be delivered. Let us not speak to others and even fiddle around with our mobile phones. May this *khutbah* benefit us all.

¹ Aal 'Imran 3:110.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



On this very noble day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled **"BECOMING THE BEST NATION."**

Blessed Friday congregants,

The best *ummah* (nation) is an *ummah* that has two main traits, namely inviting to good, as well as preventing *munkar* (evil), while the heart is always submissive and having *imaan* (faith) unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It is undeniable that the best *ummah* and generation is during the time of Rasulullah ﷺ. In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

خَيْرُ النَّاسِ قَرْنِي ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ

"The best people are those living in my generation, and then those who will follow them, and then those who will follow the latter."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

In line with the current trend of modernization, the trait of the best *ummah* is a nation having integrity, knowledge, noble *akhlaaq* (character), and loving one another. These traits can be manifested through one's personality and behavior in daily life practices. These practices must be expanded within the framework of human lives to include the welfare of the citizens, defending the rights of women, children, the elderly, the poor and needy, the orphans, Muslim converts, those with disabilities (OKU), the sick, and the homeless. This means that the *ummah* that was built irrespective of color and creed, must mutually work together in preserving the harmony and advancing the nation. In addition to that, in realizing that the momentum of the best *ummah* is achieved, we must instill several criterias within the society, community, and institutions that include aspects of peacefulness, harmony, friendliness, politeness, natural, respectful, and loving. Among them:

1. Staying away from any form of *fitnah* and dissemination of false information. Of late, spreading *fitnah* and fake news is seen as a trend and norm within the society. This adverse scenario is developing rapidly along with the sophistication of information technology development in a borderless world. This situation is very worrying for the spread of *fitnah* and false information can threaten the security and harmony of the society and nation.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 10-11 of soorah al-Qalam:

وَلَا تُطِعْ كُلَّ حَلَّافٍ مَّهِينٍ ﴿١٠﴾ هَمَّازٍ مَّشَّاءٍ بِنَمِيمٍ ﴿١١﴾

“And do not obey every worthless habitual swearer. [And] scorner, going about with malicious gossip.”

2. Avoid negative perception and notion through the incitement of racial fanaticism, provocation, and insults, as well as elements that truly contradict Islamic values. Fostering the value of peace in human relations with the purpose of understanding and respecting one another, akin to the Malay proverb “*bukit sama didaki, lurah sama dituruni.*” (Translation: to climb the hill together and descend together). This can be seen, during the time when the *risaalah* of al-Islam appeared in Makkah, Rasulullah ﷺ had supported and upheld the rights of the Muslims in Makkah and Madeenah that they became successful in liberating the polytheists of Makkah from the oppression and darkness of *jaahiliyyah* (ignorance) into the light of justice in Islam, far from fanaticism, even reconciled warring tribes, as well as manifesting the beauty of Islam. This coincides with the narration of Rasulullah ﷺ that promotes love and *rahmah* (mercy) between individuals, as in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، إِنَّمَا أَنَا رَحْمَةٌ مُّهْدَاةٌ

"O people, I am only a mercy and a guide."

(at-Tirmidhi)

3. The momentum for the best *ummah* must remain consistent in calling upon those who have believed unto doing good and avoiding *munkar*. As the chosen *ummah*, let us display the best example to other nations and followers of other faiths with virtuous *akhlaaq*, so that Islam and the Muslims will be adored and respected. Always guard the 'izzah (dignity) of the *ummah* and Islam for it will serve as the determining factor for the success of a civilization or country. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 8 of soorah al-Munaafiqoon:

يَقُولُونَ لَئِن رَّجَعْنَا إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ لَيُخْرِجَنَّ الْأَعَزُّ مِنْهَا الْأَذَلَّ وَلِلَّهِ
الْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨﴾

"They say, "If we return to al-Madinah, the more honored [for power] will surely expel therefrom the more humble." And to Allah belongs [all] honor, and to His Messenger, and to the believers, but the hypocrites do not know."

The best nation must collectively gather its resources without prejudice or conspiracy, for the sake of ensuring harmony and prosperity. A nation will not remain competitive and advance forward if the people are shackled with the "don't care" or "not interested" attitude upon issues involving national interest. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 104 of soorah Aal 'Imraan :

وَلَتَكُنَّ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾



“And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.”

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

In building the momentum for the best *ummah*, let us begin our steps with kind treatment of the society regardless of color and creed in the aspect of togetherness, with emphasis in the elements of harmony, tolerance, and unity. In a multi-ethnic society relation, Rasulullah remained *istiqamah* (steadfast) in being ‘*adl* (just) towards the non-Muslims. He manifested high humanitarian values in the aspect of social interaction. This indicated that Islam places noble and utmost respect upon mankind irrespective of skin color, gender, lineage, or race. As an example, when Asmaa’ met with her mother, who was still a non-Muslim at the time, Rasulullah had reminded Asmaa’ to treat her mother kindly. Moreover, when the Christian delegation from Najran came to have a dialogue with Rasulullah, they were treated with kindness and full respect. However, in instilling values for the best nation, Rasulullah had also imposed clear boundaries when matters of ‘*aqeedah* and religious sanctity are involved. The best *ummah* must stay away from arrogance and pride, so that positive minds and souls are built. Hence, the birth of an *ummah* possessing noble *akhlaaq*, invigorated by the lofty religion.

This trait is vital for it is in line with the principles of tolerance that is practiced in the society of our country. Having mutual respect for one another’s faith, in attaining harmony among different ethnicities. What is important is that everyone, whether Muslims or non-Muslims, must truly comprehend the principles of Islamic tolerance and the principles of living together within multi-religion and multi-ethnic society. This is because Islam is not a religion that is based on coercion or a religion that oppresses a particular group, for throughout Islamic history, there has been no single event indicating that Islam had forced or oppressed the non-Muslims. For example, such tolerance is



manifested by the Muslim and non-Muslim societies in Malaysia through the open house invitation during 'Eid, in attaining unity among races.

Beloved audience,

To end the sermon today, let us ponder upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must become the best of nation by having *imaan* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and obeying Rasulullah ﷺ.
2. The Muslims that do not prevent *munkar* in the best manner will be despised in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must hasten to perform good and righteous deeds, so as to become the best *ummah* and successful in this world and the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُسْرِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَأُولَئِكَ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١١٤﴾

"They believe in Allah and the Last Day, and they enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and hasten to good deeds. And those are among the righteous."

(Aal 'Imraan 3:114)

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! 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
الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَهٖ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ،
سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ ابْنِ
الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ
الْعَوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ
سَلَاطُونَ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ
شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! 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 *masajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.



اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا مُنْتَقِمُ يَا جَبَّارُ، اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ،
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، الْأَحَدُ الصَّمَدُ،
الَّذِي لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ، وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ.

اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِالْيَهُودِ الْمُعْتَدِينَ، الَّذِينَ قَتَلُوا إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي
فِلَسْطِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِهِمْ، فَإِنَّهُمْ لَا يُعْجِزُونَكَ، اللَّهُمَّ شَتِّتْ
شَمْلَهُمْ وَفَرِّقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَاجْعَلِ الدَّائِرَةَ عَلَيْهِمْ، اللَّهُمَّ أَحْصِهِمْ
عَدَدًا، وَاقْتُلْهُمْ بَدَدًا، وَلَا تُغَادِرْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا، اللَّهُمَّ أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَعَلَى مَنْ عَاوَنَهُمْ، بِأَسْكَ الَّذِي لَا يُرَدُّ عَنِ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي
فِلَسْطِينَ. 2X

O Allah, O our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of Palestine, and wherever they may be. O Allah! Love them and have mercy upon them, remove them from the oppression and hardship that they have endured this while. O Allah! By Your Might, O Allah, accept our struggles and prayers as the reason for You to return their lands that was illegally taken. Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed. O Allah! Grant victory upon our Muslim brethren in Palestine. Bestow upon the Muslim fighters, as well as the Palestinians, strength and patience in enduring the cruelty of the enemy. O Allah! Restore peace in the land of Palestine and return the land to the Muslims.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِي نُحُورِ أَعْدَائِنَا، وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ.
اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّدْ شَمْلَهُمْ، وَفَرِّقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَشَتِّتْ كَلِمَتَهُمْ، وَزَلِّزْ
أَقْدَامَهُمْ، وَسَلِّطْ عَلَيْهِمْ كَلْبًا مِنْ كِلَابِكَ، يَا قَهَّارُ، يَا جَبَّارُ، يَا
مُنْتَقِمُ، يَا اللَّهُ. اللَّهُمَّ يَا مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَا مُجْرِيَ السَّحَابِ وَيَا
هَازِمَ الْأَحْزَابِ، إِهْزِمِ أَعْدَاءَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، إِهْزِمْهُمْ، إِهْزِمْهُمْ،
وَأَنْصِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عَلَيْهِمْ.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، إِدْفَعْ 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 ﴿٧٤﴾
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 ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.