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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهْلَةٍ فَتُصْبِحُوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ ﴿٦﴾¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ 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,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

I sincerely invite fellow audience to altogether ponder upon the *khutbah* today titled “**THE DANGER OF FITNAH.**”

Dear blessed Friday audience

¹ al-Baqarah 2:191.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Nowadays, we find a plethora of information and news portal available at our fingertips. With a medium that is more open than ever to the current news and updates, hence every piece of information must be filtered and verified of its authenticity beforehand by responsible parties. It is contradictory to Islamic principles that one accepts news or information that is only validated by a heart that is full of hatred, revenge, anger, and blind judgment. This is an act that is contrary to what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 6 of soorah al-Hujuraat that was recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

"O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful."

We must further scrutinize and act upon this verse so as to avoid and stay away from the evil practice of *fitnah* (slandering), which is always circling and hovering over the Muslim *ummah* today.

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

Fitnah, linguistically means calamity, trial, and tribulation. According to *Kamus Dewan* (Malay Language Dictionary), *fitnah* is defined as accusations, stories, and others that are fabricated to vilify an individual, with the intention to instill hatred, tarnishing the reputation, and adversely affecting a particular individual or certain entity.

Every human being is prohibited from committing slander, because of its detrimental affect upon the society. Hurling *fitnah* is the cause for the failure of *ummah* unity and the building of a civilization according to Islamic ideals. Moreover, it only incurs the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and destroys the ambition of achieving success and security. 'Uqbah bin 'Aamir *radiallaahu 'anh* narrated:



قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! مَا النِّجَاةُ؟ قَالَ: "أَمَلِكُ عَلَيْكَ
لِسَانَكَ، وَلَيْسَعُكَ بَيْتُكَ، وَأَبُكَ عَلَى خَطِيئَتِكَ"

"I said: 'O Messenger of Allah! What is the means to salvation?' He said: 'That you control your tongue, suffice yourself your house, and cry over your sins.'"

(at-Tirmidhi)

Based on this *hadeeth*, as Muslims proclaiming to be believers, we must safeguard our tongue from getting caught up in the *fitnah* culture that is very dangerous and cruel. The tongue that is spared from the *fitnah* culture will save the Muslim from being severely punished by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us protect our hands from shedding the blood of our Muslim brethren, whether by hurting, injuring, or killing other Muslims.

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

Living at the End of Time, success for the individual or the *ummah* as a whole is defined by successfully saving oneself from getting entangled with arguments and slander. The *fitnah* that we are witnessing rampantly today is known as *Fitnah Shubuhaat* (doubts). *Fitnah Shubuhaat* means vague or unclear. In *Fitnah Shubuhaat*, one is destroyed in his knowledge and certainty that matters of *ma'roof* (good) becomes unclear and mixed with *munkar* (evil), whereas the *munkar* itself is not avoided. *Fitnah Shubuhaat* is the greatest type of *fitnah* due to the lack of knowledge and poor awareness of the heart. Hence, when accompanied with bad intentions and evil desire, the vile and great *fitnah* arises. *Fitnah Shubuhaat* leads to the perception of *kufr* (disbelief) and *nifaaq* (hypocrisy), which is the reason for disunity. Rasulullah ﷺ was very worried regarding *Fitnah Shubuhaat*, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Barzah al-Aslamiy, where he ﷺ said:



“Verily, among what I fear most for you are seductive temptations in your stomachs and passions, and the misguidance of whims.”

(Ahmad)

Today, we find that *fitnah* is always hovering in every nook and corner of the mass media and its intermediaries. Do not destroy ourselves with these evil acts. Do not allow ourselves to become among those that aid in spreading *fitnah*. Let us become individuals that are always bringing news and information that are authentic and always abstaining from hurling *fitnah*.

O dear blessed Muslims,

Rasulullah ﷺ is an icon and the best exemplary for the entire Muslim *ummah* in this world. However, he himself was not spared from being slandered. Moreover, it was much more severe compared to us. Despite that, Rasulullah ﷺ had never held grudge and endured those *fitan* (plural of *fitnah*) with calmness, according to Islamic teachings, guided by al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*. Therefore, as the best role model, the Muslims must inculcate the guidelines outlined by Islam when receiving any news or information, so as to avoid *fitnah*. Among them:

First, we must avoid and reject accusations that are prejudiced or biased in nature. This is because suspicions would grab the attention of friends and foes. Therefore, avoid committing acts that can cause suspicion.

Second, do not even once accept any news or information without valid evidence or support. Every piece of information that are not supported with proof or *daleel* should be rejected by every Muslims.

Third, as Muslims having *imaan* (faith), let us not surrender to our *hawaa* (desire) by further adding false news. This would only cause individuals and the *ummah* to fall into the valley of misguidance.



Fourth, we must stay away from the habit of responding to fake news with more fake news, and responding to lies with something of its like.

Respected audience,

Recently, there have been various *fitnah* and fake news being hurled and spread by certain parties relating to the policies and actions taken by the government and religious authorities. Among the example of the *fitnah* being spread is that the government and MAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Council) are allegedly hindering *da'wah* efforts, when legal provisions and decisions reached by MAIS with regard to teaching *tauliah* (credential) are being enforced. Similarly, with regard to the efforts taken by the government along with MAIS and JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department) in the recalibration of private *tahfizh* (Qur'anic memorization) institutions by requiring them to be registered for the purpose of standardizing a curriculum that adheres to the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. The measures taken by MAIS and JAIS in ensuring the safety of the dwelling and better governance, as well as comfort for the students have all been accused as an act of closing down religious schools by the government, MAIS, and JAIS. The government's action in the reorganizing of KAFA teachers was exaggerated as way for the government to shut down religious schools in the state of Selangor. Is this the actual approach that was authentically shown and taught by the Prophet ﷺ to all of us?

In this regard, I would like to firmly state: please stop from hurling *fitnah* and allegations. I also would like to remind that prior to making any statement, ensure that one has obtained adequate facts on the subject matter, before making any baseless accusations, for fear that these actions will trouble the parents and diminish public trust upon Religious Institutions and Religious Authorities, specifically within the state of Selangor.

Dear blessed Friday audience,

To end this sermon, let us derive *'ibrah* (lessons) by internalizing its essential points so that they can be used as guidance and life guide:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must abstain from hurling *fitnah* for it will not bring about success to the Muslims in this world and the Hereafter.
2. The Muslims must always practice *'Tabayyun'* (verification) in all of the news and information attained, by referring to credible authorities and experts.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that hurling *fitnah* will only divide the society, further leading to the destruction of the Muslim *ummah*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ
شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢٥﴾

“And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allah is severe in penalty.”

(al-Anfaal 8:25)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ 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 وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ 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 يَا 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 الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ

السُّلْطَانُ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 (*infaq*) 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).

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.

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ اِنَّكَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ
وَبِالْاِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَاَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ اِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾



رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.