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Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala 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



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 authenticity its beforehand 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.

linguistically Fitnah, means calamity, trial, and tribulation. According to Kamus Dewan (Malay Dictionary), Language 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, of its because 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 radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated:

"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.

Living at the End of Time, for success individual or the ummah as a whole is defined by saving successfully getting oneself from with entangled 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 was very worried regarding

Fitnah Shubuhaat, as mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu al-Aslamiy, Barzah where he 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.

Rasulullah 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 کالیالله عادی وسیتام had that, Rasululah 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

(desire) hawaa by adding false further news. This would only cause individuals and the ummah to fall into valley the 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.

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 tauliah teaching (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 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 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, that one has ensure obtained adequate facts subject matter, on the 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.

To end this sermon, let 'ibrah us derive (lessons) by its internalizing 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.

"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)

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).

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,



