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"SIGNIFYING THE MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ ءَامَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we be resurrected among those having utmost *taqwa* in the Hereafter.

The title of the *khutbah* today is "**SIGNIFYING THE MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE.**"

¹ al-A'raaf 7:96.

² Aal Imraan 3:102.



Dear blessed audience,

31st of August, 1957 is the date that our nation gained her independence. This joyfulness must be decorated with the gratitude of all citizens for it is truly valuable. Let us be grateful upon this independence for without it, we will remain as a nation that is humiliated in its own land. Such gratefulness is from among the matters that must be present when celebrating independence.

When searching for the meaning of independence, it is not merely about comprehending the agony of colonization. A nation that is colonized would yearn for freedom that it is willing to fight and go to battle down to the last drop of blood. They would sacrifice anything for the sake of achieving independence. Such is the magnitude in the meaning of fighting for freedom. The question that we must ask ourselves is, what is the meaning of independence today? In Islam, independence means purity or sacredness. The religion of Islam itself has granted prosperity, peace, and security. The fact is, all of these meanings lead to the definition of independence that we comprehend today.

For the Muslim, the *ni'mah* (bounty) of freedom within independence must be truly appreciated. This freedom not only provides the opportunity to determine our own lifestyle, but *more* importantly is that we are able to free our mind and body from all forms of *shirk* against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and *jaahiliy* (ignorant) traits that have been instilled by the colonialists. Therefore, the free Muslim is one who is liberated from moral decay and the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. In the *hadeeth* of Fadaalah bin 'Ubayd *radiallāhu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ stated during the final pilgrimage:

"Have I not informed you? The believer is the one who is trusted with the lives and wealth of people. The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand people are safe. The one striving in jihad in the way of



***Allah is the one who wages jihad against himself in obedience to Allah.
The emigrant is one who emigrates away from sins and evil deeds."***

(Ahmad and ibn Hibbaan)

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Unity is the very core that forms the independence. We are all citizens of this nation, which is comprised of diversified and different backgrounds. This nation is akin to a beautiful painting that is made up of colorful hues that are intermixed, becoming the envy of others. The unity that is generated from these wonderful colors have turned us into a picture that is not only beautiful but very valuable for all of us. We have been united within a unified framework that is likened to an artwork that complements one another, though having different colors and shades. The painting that is framed with unity is finally hung on the world map as a sovereign nation due to its unity. This is the uniqueness of the true meaning of independence in this country that we love. Damages upon the unity-framed painting will only cause the independence to crack and crash into pieces, further causing it to succumb into the realm of colonization. All of these must be thoroughly pondered and imagined. For if we do not avoid from damaging this unity's framework, then gone is the meaningfulness of an independent nation and it will only harm all of us. Division only paralyzes the meaning of independence. For without unity, it will be extremely difficult for us to attain independence as a priceless *ni'mah*.

Respected Muslims,

Lately, we find that our unity is becoming fragile. It is unbecoming for Muslims that are truly faithful to resort to division as weapon in achieving their worldly objectives. It is uncalled for that some within the Muslim *ummah* would continuously cause anxiety and confusion among the masses with falsified news and stories. All differences of opinion must be resolved patriotically and through Islamic principles by placing the interest of the country with utmost



importance. Not by pouring poison and virus of disunity within this diversified society. Do not allow the *rakyat* to become victims and collateral for it would be a very irresponsible act. Differences should not be the disunity factor if the teachings of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* are taken as lessons, by understanding the *hikmah* (wisdom) in differences. Allah mentions in verse 13 of Soorah al-Hujuraat, which means:

“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.”

Dear blessed Muslims,

Do not even once allow colonization to appear, only causing history to repeat itself. We are all responsible in defending this independence. This country is an *amaanah* (trust) upon all of us. Do not put it in jeopardy just because we are drooling over worldly treasures, only to be entrapped with *khiyaanah* (betrayal) upon this liberated land. Everything must begin with the individual, family, and community in rejecting any form of traitorship upon the nation. Bribery and abuse of power are the main perpetrators in an independent nation. History has proven that the Muslims were potent and glorious because there was no betrayal in rendering trusts, no power abuse, and no bribery practiced. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 27 of Soorah al-Anfaal:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمْنَتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ

تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

“O you who have believed, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence].”



Dear beloved audience,

Let us remain grateful upon the favor of our independence. This independence is surely a tremendous reward bestowed by Allah upon us. Hence, be thankful for all the things that we have been blessed with. Let us not even once forget that all of these are favors from The Almighty. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 7 of Soorah Ibraaheem:

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.’”

Let us fill our independence with something meaningful. Let us invigorate the independence program with full gratitude and penitence. Educate the younger generation so that they will not be detached from the sacrifices of our previous heroes, lest they forget to create a true and glorious independence for the present. Let us avoid the meaning of independence that is often misunderstood where it is always associated with the freedom to do whatever one wishes, submitting to the lustful desire. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 41 of Soorah al-Hajj:

الَّذِينَ إِذَا مَكَانَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أُقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ لِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٤١﴾

“[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakaah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters.”



Dear blessed Friday audience,

To end the sermon today, let us altogether internalize and derive lessons to be taken as guidance, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that the *ni'mah* of independence is a reward from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that must be defended and appreciated with *amr ma'roof* and *nahy munkar* (enjoining good and forbidding evil).
2. The Muslim *ummah* must firmly unite so as to prevent the enemy from becoming victorious.
3. Muslims that betray the *amaanah* of independence can cause the colonial era from the past to repeat itself.
4. The younger generation must be educated to comprehend the true meaning of independence, in accordance with the *Sharee'ah*, so that they will not be colonized by the culture of immorality that incurs various calamities and the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَلِكُ الْمَلِكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ
تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٦﴾

“Say, “O Allah, Owner of Sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whom You will and You take sovereignty away from whom You will. You honor



whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent.””

(Aal 'Imraan 3:26)

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 بَعِينِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اِدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ، تَعَكَوْا أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ



السُّلْطَانُ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ 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 لِلْمُتَّقِيْنَ 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.