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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾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! أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى

اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ

مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

¹ al-Hujuraat 49:10

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



On this glorious day, I would like to expound on a *khutbah* titled "***FITNAH DESTROYS ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD.***"

Dearest Muslims,

Islam is a religion of brotherhood that greatly emphasizes on *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) and love for one another. Preserving this *ukhuwwah* is an obligation and it must be safeguarded in the best manner by the Muslim *ummah*. Solid *ukhuwwah* that is fostered among Muslims is based upon *tawheed* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 10 of Soorah al-Hujuraat that was recited during the *muqaddimah* (introduction) of this sermon, what means:

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."

In preserving this *ukhuwwah*, this noble religion teaches its adherents to always safeguard themselves from harming others, whether verbally or physically.

In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:



لَا تَبَاغَضُوا، وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا، وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا، وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ
اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا، وَلَا يَحِلُّ لِمُسْلِمٍ أَنْ يَهْجُرَ أَخَاهُ فَوْقَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ

“Do not hate one another, and do not be jealous of one another, and do not desert each other, and O Allah’s worshippers! Be brothers. Lo! It is not permissible for any Muslim to desert (not talk to) his brother (Muslim) for more than three days.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear respected guests of Allah,

The main cause that can lead to the collapse of *ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah* is the grave effect from spreading *fitnah* (slander). *Fitnah* itself is a form of accusation that is fabricated to defame a person. This act is from among the major sins in Islam and its doer will be tormented with severe punishment. *Fitnah* can also be categorized as from among criminal offense. The Penal Code has stipulated *fitnah* as one of the criminal offenses, where its doer can be fined and imprisoned if found guilty.

Causing and spreading *fitnah* are purposely done under the pretext of fulfilling one’s personal agenda or even for a particular group. It begins from the filthy heart that is engulfed with



madhmoomah (blameworthy) traits, added with seductions from the whisperings of *shaytaan*. With that, an act that is greatly loathed in Islam is then committed. When one becomes distant from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, there will be the feelings of *hasad* (envy) and dissatisfaction with the success of others that it leads one to slander. The *fitnah* maker will usually feel satisfied and deem it as personal success when the intended victim is seen as declining and living in failure.

In this modern age, *fitnah* becomes too easy and very quick to spread. If back then, news would travel very slow before becoming the talk of the town, nowadays it is truly undeniable that everything is easily accessible by the fingertips. The emergence of various forms of digital media based on social media platform such as *Facebook*, *WhatsApp*, *Instagram*, *Telegram* and others have provided multitudes of benefits to society. However, on the flip side, these social media platforms have been gravely misused that it becomes the very medium for spreading *fitnah*.

While interacting on these social media platforms, we must realize that we have exposed ourselves to a realm that is wide open and borderless. Therefore, we must observe our *adab* (etiquette) and manifest good *akhlaaq* (character) as those having belief unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and the Last



Day. We must always remain vigilant and refrain ourselves from fabricating and spreading *fitnah*. This is because from the danger of *fitnah* is that it will cause us to be prevented from entering the Paradise of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. On the authority of Hudhayfah *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَتَّاتٌ

"The tale-bearer will not enter Paradise."

(*al-Bukhaari*)

Dear blessed Muslims,

It must be remembered that creating and spreading *fitnah* will lead to division and it can damage the *ukhuwwah*. How vile is *fitnah* that it serves as the source for misunderstanding, dispute, and strife to the point of causing husbands and wives to separate, relationships between siblings and relatives become strained, friends becoming foes, community life becomes miserable, and the like. All of these can be achieved with just one fabricated news.

Observe, how the relationship between husband and wife that has been nurtured with care and living in harmony can be destroyed with just one *fitnah*. Siblings that grew up together, sharing stories of joy and sorrow but become strained in their



relationship and began quarreling due to only one slander. Relatives that are firm in their ties of kinship, always visiting one another, and asking about each other, but in the end severed their communication due to just one *fitnah*. Friends whom became the avenue to exchange stories and indulge in activities together in the end become enemies just because of one *fitnah*. Such is the grave danger of *fitnah* that can demolish the *ukhuwwah* among Muslims.

Folks, let us educate ourselves, our families, and the Muslim *ummah* in entirety by always advising one another and reprimanding against actions that can destroy this brotherhood, which is cooking up and spreading *fitnah*. Let us halt from being agents in disseminating and spreading inauthentic news. What is important is that when we receive any news regarding a person, let us not believe in it straightaway. But instead, let us scrutinize and investigate first, so that we will not become regretful later on. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 6 of Soorah al-Hujuraat:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا
قَوْمًا بِجَهْلَةٍ فَتُصْبِحُوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ ﴿٦﴾

“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."

Dear respected audience,

To end this sermon, let us altogether derive lessons upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that fabricating and spreading *fitnah* is an act that is truly loathed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. *Ukhuwwah* among Muslims must be well-preserved for it is an obligation.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must always remind and advice one another so as to not commit acts of *munkar* (evil).

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلَا تُطِعْ كُلَّ حَلَّافٍ مَّهِينٍ ﴿١٠﴾ هَمَّازٍ مَّشَاءٍ بِنَمِيمٍ ﴿١١﴾ مَنَّاعٍ
لِّلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ أَثِيمٍ ﴿١٢﴾ عُتْلٍ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ زَنِيمٍ ﴿١٣﴾



“And do not obey every worthless habitual swearer. [And] scorner, going about with malicious gossip - A preventer of good, transgressing and sinful, Cruel, moreover, and an illegitimate pretender.”

(al-Qalam 68:10-13)

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، أُوصِيكُمْ 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
الْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ



عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ 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 (*infaaq*) 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 *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 دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اذْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ





فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.