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I call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and

abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day, I will expound upon a khutbah.

titled... HIJRAHIS INDEPENDENCE

The opening verse informs recited us regarding the characteristics the believers whom are striving always to their improve imaan (faith) until they attain the

level of perfection. While, the meaning of hijrah is to migrate in the aspects of the physical body and practice. Of course, attaining both aspects in definition the necessitates jihaad or

mujaahadah (striving) in the path of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and finally rewarded with rahmah (mercy), love, and forgiveness from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

It is clear that based on this verse, we find two meanings of hijrah, hijrah namely makaaniyyah, which means the migration of the physical body from one location to another in

seeking the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. While, hijrah ma'nawiyah is abandoning practices that are baatil (falsehood) for practices that are authentic and pleasing to

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. It is this discussion that is related to our self-independence as the Muslim ummah, which is freeing ourselves from the shackles of practices,

attitudes, lifestyles, and cultures that are baatil, for a lifestyle that is centered upon authentic 'ageedah, Sharee'ah, and akhlaaq as the Islamic way of life.

Hijrah means to make a change from the aspects of determination, attitude, culture, taste, or lifestyle to that which is better. It is to leave out anything prohibited by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

and changing to those commanded by Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala. In the hadeeth of 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah said:

المُهَاجِرُ مَنْ هَجَرَمًا نَهَى اللهُ عَنْهُ

"A Muhaajir (emigrant) is the one who abandons all what Allah has forbidden."

(al-Bukhaari)

Similarly, in the hadeeth of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha where Rasulullah had mentioned in his speech after Fath al-Makkah (Conquest of Makkah):

"There is no emigration after the Conquest but jihaad and intentions. When you are called (by the Muslim ruler) for fighting, go forth immediately."

(al-Bukhaari)

Hijrah ma'nawiyah covers matters pertaining to i'tiqaad (belief and conviction), fikriyah (thoughts), shu'ooriyah (taste), and sulookiyah (overall journey of character building).

1. *Hijrah* of Belief and Conviction:

The world that is becoming more advanced and highly technological should not become an obstacle for the Muslim ummah to learn and

practice according to unadulterated pure 'aqeedah. There are a plethora of ways and methods, whether through talaggi with credible teachers at the masaajid, institutes, or

madrasahs, or even online so that we will be among those having knowledge, practicing them, and having the 'aqeedah. correct However, it is utterly bothersome that there

are still those that are astray in their 'aqeedah, belief, and conviction.

There still exist sects that claim Prophet Muhammad as God, proclaiming that Prophet Muhammad Prophet Muhammad

neither begets nor is born, those that do not believe in Paradise and Hellfire, those that dispute the messengership of Prophet Muhammad حَلْمُ اللهِ عُلْمُ عُلِيهِ وسيليم and many others.

Furthermore, there are those within Muslim communities that are still adamant with practices of animism mixed with khurafaat (superstition) and shirk such as placing items in a tray as offering

for ghosts, 'puja pantai' (sea spirits) ritual, believing in shaman, believing that there are other divine being other than Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and others.

Muslims ascribing to those ideologies must hasten to repent, and migrate or change to only having tawheed (proclaiming Oneness of Allah) in

Subhaanahu Allah Wa Ta'aala Alone, and following the teachings brought by Rasulullah

2. Hijrah of Intellectual Thoughts: With the development throughout time, technological advancements and rapid flow of information have facilitated for the

development of various intellectual thoughts, as rapid as the current flow of technology. The tagline "a world without border" intensifies further colonization intellectual within the Muslim ummah.

This gives birth to the ideologies secularism (separation between religion and life), liberalism (giving absolute rights to individuals), religious

pluralism (claiming that all religions are truthful and equal), and free thinker (thinking freely without subscribing to any religion or belief), where all of them are severe threats upon

'aqeedah and Islamic Sharee'ah. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslims to migrate and liberate themselves from the onslaught ideologies that corrupts and destroys the

'aqeedah and Islamic belief.

It is very clear that Rasulullah had reminded us through the hadeeth of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri radiyAllaahu 'anh, where he said:

"You would tread the same path as was trodden by those before you inch by inch and step by step so much so that if they had entered into the hole of the lizard, you would follow them in this also."

We said: "Allah's Messenger, do you mean the Jews and the Christians?" He said: "Who else?"

(Muslim)

It is only befitting that we always remain vigilant upon the influence of intellectual colonization that leads to misguidance.

3. Hijrah of Feelings:

Every year, the Muslims would celebrate the new Hijri year with various activities and approaches. The question is, have we migrated to a new resolution, attitude,

culture, and taste that are decorated with al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah? If changes within ourselves, our families, and our societies have yet to occur, then it means that we have yet

to migrate. Moreover, we are still in need for sound understanding, development, awareness to make the change.

Shu'ooriyah taste, and liking pleasure, includes matters regarding entertainment, music, reading, clothing fashion, role models, financing, food, and many others, have they

been decorated with the Sharee'ah as guidance and reference? There are many Muslims that still do not have concerns regarding halaal (lawful) and haraam (unlawful). At times, their concerns

would be for as long as they are making money, eating well, feeling happy, and others, without feeling guilty in or seizing committing something at will or pursuing it even though it

contradicts the shara'.

Let us undertake hijrah from a lifestyle that deviates from the Islamic sharee 'ah to the ways that are pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

4. Hijrah of Behavior:

Behavior or sulookiyah refers to the overall journey of one's behavior or persona. Every journey will surely collide with opposing values, whether good or bad. This is a

depiction of life that is filled with challenges and obstacles. It is no wonder that now, multitudes of social ills and immoral acts have emerged such as bribery, breach of trust, deceits, and power

abuse. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to make hijrah in liberating and themselves communities from destruction and harm to the cultivation of a life that knows and

comprehends the Sharee'ah, practicing upon praiseworthy traits, avoiding troubled life that tarnishes akhlaaq and moral values. This migration truly is necessary in ensuring

the survivability of the religion, nation, and people.

Ponder upon the words of Sayyiduna 'Umar al-Khattaab radiyAllaahu 'anh:

حَاسِبُوْا أَنْفُسَكُمْ قَبْلَ أَنْ تُحَاسَبُوا

"Hold yourselves accountable before held you are accountable."

Let us make hijrah in changing towards the better. Let us leave out all the bad, the flaws, and the failures. May our lives become blessed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with indication that we

have attained freedom in the sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive several lessons as guidance in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah internalize the must great event of hijrah and build lives according the to 'aqeedah, Sharee 'ah, and Islamic akhlaaq.

2. The Muslims are to recommended evil, abandon all disobedience, and sinful acts, and instead indulge in matters that have been commanded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

3. The Muslim ummah must become agents for da'wah (calling to Islam) toward others, calling to ma'roof (good) and preventing munkar (evil), and setting up good exemplary.

"The ones who have believed, emigrated and striven in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in rank in the sight of Allah. And it is those who are the attainers [of success]."

(Soorah at-Tawbah 9:20)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes

that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect our state from calamity and disaster.

O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save the Muslims and Masjid al-Agsa in Palestine.

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, embezzlement, and power abuse. 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.

