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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : يُقَلِّبُ اللَّهُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي
الْأَبْصَارِ ﴿٤٤﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى 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 تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this very noble day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled “**ARE WE TRULY LIBERATED?**”

Blessed Friday audience,

¹ an-Noor 24:44

² Aal ‘Imraan 3:102



The date 31st of August 2024 should make us realize that Malaysia has reached the age of 67 as an independent and sovereign nation. Freedom or Independence is not just the rhetoric of historical narrative or merely reminder notes for everyone from forgetting to celebrate such occasion. Look at the many nations that have attained their independence physically but are still colonized in the non-physical sense. Moreover, the rapid advancement of science and technology today has enabled colonization in a new form especially within the mind, soul, and culture. The country has been independent for 67 years but the mindset, culture, and lifestyle of the colonialists still have a strong grip in every aspects of nationhood, whether in political, social, and economical aspects.

Islam has explained that the meaning of independence is not only within the physical aspect alone, but it includes the mental, physical, and spiritual aspects. Islam liberates mankind from the chains of slavery among humans. Islam frees mankind from the shackles of worldliness that is narrow and mortal. Islam frees mankind from the oppression of man-made legal systems.

Imaam ibn Katheer recorded in his great work titled *al-Bidaayah wa an-Nihaayah* (البِدَايَةُ وَالنِّهَايَةُ) that Rabee' bin 'Aamir *radiyAllaahu 'anh* was asked by Rustum, the Persian military leader: “Who are you?” Rabee' replied:

نَحْنُ قَوْمٌ ابْتَعَثَنَا اللَّهُ لِنُخْرِجَ مَنْ شَاءَ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ الْعِبَادِ
إِلَى عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ وَحْدَهُ، وَمِنْ ضَيْقِ الدُّنْيَا إِلَى سَعَةِ الدُّنْيَا
وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَمِنْ جَوْرِ الْأَدْيَانِ إِلَى عَدْلِ الْإِسْلَامِ

“We are a people whom Allah has sent to bring out whomever He wills from the worship of man to the worship of Allah alone, and from the narrowness



of this world to the spaciousness of this world and the Hereafter, and from the injustice of religions to the justice of Islam.”

Dear beloved audience,

The liberated person is known as *mu'min muwahhid*, which is the one that worships and upholds the Unity (Oneness) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and does not commit shirk with Him. *Mu'min muwahhid* is a free person that is liberated from the shackles of slavery to fellow creations. Freedom in Islam is liberty or freeing oneself from all shackles of the world that bind the creations to full submission unto The Almighty Creator. It is only with true teachings and religious practice that mankind can be liberated from ignorance, darkness, and oppression.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 16 of soorah al-Maa'idah:

يَهْدِي بِهِ اللَّهُ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ رِضْوَانَهُ سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ وَيُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ
الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَيَهْدِيهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٦﴾

“By which Allah guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darknesses into the light, by His permission, and guides them to a straight path.”

The *mu'min muwahhid* with purity of 'aqeedah will surely be safeguarded from the threat of *kufir* (disbelief) ideologies, namely pluralism, liberalism, and secularism. *Mu'min muwahhid* is a free individual who possess true self-identity, which is one who is obedient upon the commands and prohibitions of his *Rabb*. The reality that must be realized is that there is no such thing as absolute freedom in this world but that it necessitates different form of rules, laws, or governance that can regulate it. Only the authority of The Creator that



can govern all affairs of mankind in the best manner. From the *wasiyyah* (will) of our beloved ﷺ, we are guaranteed to not go astray for as long as we firmly cling onto the teachings of al-Qur’an and the *sunnah* of His Messenger.

Muslims with true self-identity will surely reject filthy behavior that is undignified and immoral despicable life habits such as bribery, abuse of power, fraudulent, oppression, instigating for personal gain, and others. Muslims with true self-identity will surely remain preserved from getting influenced by the culture that flaunts one’s appearance, clothing, interactions, entertainment, and other matters that clearly violates the Islamic *Sharee’ah*.

Respected Muslims,

The free person will give birth to a free nation, a nation that is strong and complete. The soundness of a nation is based on *imaan* (faith), self-identity, and the unity of its citizens. Islam as the true religion has provided various measures on governance in forming liberated individuals within the society and nation. Every Muslims are brethren to one another, who must strengthen each other. Every human, though having varying gender, race, and ethnicity, must get to know one another in achieving compatibility, as well as harmonious society. The soundness and firmness of the independent nation is very important in maintaining the wellbeing and progress of the nation.

The independence that we are enjoying today is the fruit of labor of our statesmen, luminaries, and warriors who were embedded with the independent spirit and having served the country, with the willingness to sacrifice their lives in fighting off the colonialists, for the sake of freedom. The struggle, hardship, and pain endured by the earlier generation must be internalized in the best manner so that they can be appreciated and thanked for by the current generation. Indeed, the spirit of loving the independent nation is demanded in Islam.



In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ had manifested his patriotism and independent spirit by stating about Makkah:

مَا أَطْيَبَكَ مِنْ بَلَدٍ وَأَحَبَّكَ إِلَيَّ وَلَوْلَا أَنَّ قَوْمِي أَخْرَجُونِي
مِنْكَ مَا سَكَنْتُ غَيْرَكَ

“How sweet of a land you are and how dear you are to me, and if it were not that my people expelled me from you, I would not have lived in other than you.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Blessed Muslims,

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

1. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that independence is a favor from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* that must be preserved and defended, for it was attained through *imaan* and a plethora of tears.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain cognizant that Islam has liberated the ‘*aql* (intellect) and hearts of mankind through the concepts of servitude unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*, obedience to His Messenger, and adherence upon His *Sharee‘ah*.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must reflect upon the concept of ‘*Jiwa Merdeka*’ (Spirit of Independence) so that the spirit of patriotism can be nurtured, hence uniting the hearts of the citizens for the sake of the nation’s wellbeing.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ أَن يَبْسُطُوا
إِلَيْكُمْ أَيْدِيَهُمْ فَكَفَّ أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَنْكُمْ وَأَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ
الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١١﴾

“O you who have believed, remember the favor of Allah upon you when a people determined to extend their hands [in aggression] against you, but He withheld their hands from you; and fear Allah. And upon Allah let the believers rely.”

(Soorah al-Maa'idah 5:11)

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.

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 أَصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ



اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 Masjid al-Aqsa 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.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.