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## "THE DUTY OF THE BEST NATION"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَلَتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى  
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I humbly implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

On this glorious day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled "**THE DUTY OF THE BEST NATION.**"

**Dear blessed Friday audience,**

<sup>1</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:104

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102



On this day, let us altogether ponder and reflect upon our responsibilities as the best *ummah* (nation) that have been entrusted to implement *al-amr bil ma'roof wan nahy 'anil munkar* (enjoining good and forbidding evil) and having *imaan* (faith) in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This are the tasks and responsibilities upon every Muslim, including the leaders and government institutions that implement policies and delivers to the people. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 110 of Soorah Aal 'Imraan:

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

**“You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah...”**

In this verse, it is clearly mentioned that the Muslims are a nation that was chosen by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* as the best nation, granted with the task of implementing *amr ma'roof nahy munkar* and believing in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. *Amr ma'roof* or enjoining good is an act or call that invites mankind to perform good deeds that are accepted by the 'aql (intellect) and *shar'i* rulings. *Nahy munkar* is the act to curb and prevent things that contradict *shar'i* rulings and the 'aql, as well as incurring the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ رَأَى مِنْكُمْ مُنْكَرًا فَلْيُغَيِّرْهُ بِيَدِهِ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِلِسَانِهِ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِقَلْبِهِ، وَذَلِكَ أَضْعَفُ الْإِيمَانِ



***“Whoever amongst you sees an evil, he must change it with his hand; if he is unable to do so, then with his tongue; and if he is unable to do so, then with his heart; and that is the weakest form of faith.”***

(Muslim)

**Beloved Friday congregation,**

*Amr ma'roof nahy munkar* upon the basis of *imaan* in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* are two significant matters that must be acted upon consistently by every Muslim individual. It cannot be abandoned or only practicing partially and leaving out other portion. This is because *amr ma'roof nahy munkar* are two important elements of *da'wah* (calling to Islam) that are closely intertwined. A righteous (*saalih*) person must also be a reformer (*muslih*) whom inspire others towards righteousness, or in other words, the best Muslim not only reforms himself or herself but it is their very duty to strive and aid others unto becoming righteous.

As a righteous Muslim, upon his shoulders lie the responsibility to reform and correct other individuals and the society as a whole. This is the major responsibility of the Muslim *ummah* that accurately coincides with the purpose of their creation and existence in this world. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 33 of Soorah Fussilat:

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ

الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾

***“And who is better in speech than one who invites to Allah and does righteousness and says, “Indeed, I am of the Muslims.””***

**Beloved Friday congregants,**



If the duty of *amr ma'roof nahy munkar* is not carried out by the best of the Muslim *ummah*, then we all will witness various destructions and harm. Among them:

**First:** Destruction on the face of earth will become rampant. Evils that are neglected will give rise to other evils that are greater in number, only causing the worldly life and its conditions to become further damaged and oblivious.

**Second:** Punishments will come from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* because the Muslims no longer care with regard to the obligation of *amr ma'roof nahy munkar*. Take heed, for when Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* sends down His punishment, it will afflict every single person in that locality, whether righteous or evil.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 25 of Soorah al-Anfaal:

وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ  
اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢٥﴾

**"And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allah is severe in penalty."**

**Third:** Supplications are rejected. Islamic teachings actually emphasize on the matter of *amr ma'roof nahy munkar* as a moral and social obligation that is very important. One who ignores this very responsibility will have his or her *du'aa* (supplication) not accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* due to not implementing religious principles fully.



In the *hadeeth* of Hudhayfah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَتَأْمُرَنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ  
أَوْ لِيُوشِكَنَّ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ عِقَابًا مِنْهُ ثُمَّ تَدْعُونَهُ فَلَا  
يُسْتَجَابُ لَكُمْ

***“By Him in Whose Hand my life is, you either enjoin good and forbid evil, or Allah will certainly soon send His punishment to you. Then you will make supplication and it will not be accepted.”***

(at-Tirmidhi)

**Fourth:** Will not be aided by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*. The help of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* will not be granted upon His servants if the servant abandons *amr ma’roof nahy munkar*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in verses 40 and 41 of Soorah al-Hajj:

***“And Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might. [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.”***

**Fifth:** Causing mankind to perish for allowing evil to continue to occur, without making serious effort to make a change through means that have been determined by the *Sharee’ah*.



In the *hadeeth* of an-Nu'maan bin Basheer *radiallahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***"The likeness of the man who observes the limits prescribed by Allah and that of the man who transgresses them is like the people who get on board a ship after casting lots. Some of them are in its lower deck and some of them in its upper (deck). Those who are in its lower (deck), when they require water, go to the occupants of the upper deck, and say to them: 'If we make a hole in the bottom of the ship, we shall not harm you.' If they (the occupants of the upper deck) leave them to carry out their design they all will be drowned. But if they do not let them go ahead (with their plan), all of them will remain safe."***

(*al-Bukhaari*)

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

To realize the duty of implementing *amr ma'roof nahy munkar*, there are three fundamental and important matters that we must perform:-

**First:** Strive our level best to seek the knowledge of *fard al-'ayn* (individual obligations) and *fard al-kifaayah* (communal obligations). It behooves us to seek knowledge for *'ilm* (knowledge) illuminates darkness. One who seeks *'ilm* will always support anything good brought by Islam by providing and rectifying a matter through knowledge and its authentic understanding, not through emotions, enmity, revenge, slander, ill thoughts, defamation, and ad hominem attacks.

**Second:** It is the responsibility of the ruler to ensure the existence of an environment that supports the implementation of *amr ma'roof nahy munkar* by the Muslim *ummah*. The ruler must strive to ensure the construction of infrastructure and atmosphere that encourages and facilitates *amr ma'roof*



*nahy munkar* efforts, and at the same time the ruler must introduce policies that curb avenues and opportunities for disobedience. The Muslim scholars, as the heir of the prophets, must be consulted and worked with closely in various aspects of governance in ensuring elements that leads to paths for good deeds are enhanced and accurate, at the same time blocking out elements and causes that leads to destruction upon the Muslim *ummah*.

**Third:** All quarters within the social structure must always educate and guide one another towards developing Muslim souls possessing high certainty in Islam as the way of life that is firmly founded upon authentic *'aqeedah*. Solid certainty in Islam as a way of life that is *shumool* (all-encompassing) will produce distinctive strength and a clear direction regarding life.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 139 of Soorah Aal 'Imraan:

وَلَا تَهِنُوا وَلَا تَحْزِنُوا وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣٩﴾

**"So do not weaken and do not grieve, and you will be superior if you are [true] believers."**

Remember, if the Muslims are weak in their *imaan* and fail to implement the *amaanah* (trust) of *amr ma'roof nahy munkar*, then as it was described by Rasulullah ﷺ, the Muslims will be devoured by its enemies like a predator circling its prey in a tray.

### **Blessed Muslims,**

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

1. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill its responsibility of enjoining good and forbidding wrongdoing, for it is a command from Allah. If they failed,





became negligent, or purposely abandoned it, then they will be cursed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must not be fearful or feel inferior in carrying out *amr ma'roof nahy munkar*, for such effort will attain tremendous reward from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, even though it is difficult and vehemently opposed by the enemies of Islam.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that *amr ma'roof nahy munkar* will continue to be upheld on the face of earth.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَلِلَّهِ 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.”**

(Soorah al-Hajj 22:41)

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 اصْلِحْ 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 الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ



الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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 *masajid* 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 وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا 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 ﴿٢٠١﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.