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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَإِنْ مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ إِلَّا نَحْنُ مُهْلِكُوهَا قَبْلَ يَوْمِ
الْقِيَمَةِ أَوْ مُعَذِّبُوهَا عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا كَانَ ذَلِكَ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَسْطُورًا¹.

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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

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

Dear blessed Muslims,

I sincerely implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all matters that He forbade. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow congregants are reminded to not speak and use the cellular phone while the *khutbah* is being delivered.

¹ al-Israa' 17:58.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

On this glorious day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled "**MALAYSIA, A BLESSING FROM ALLAH.**"

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Malaysia is our birthplace, the homeland where we live together. It is on this soil that we are guaranteed safety and well-being to continue living. It is the place where we seek our sustenance, where our age and life passes, and also where we shape the future of our children.

Therefore, let us commemorate Malaysia Day on every 16th of September not just with mere celebration, but with the cognizance and love for our homeland, and always striving to advance this country. Let us not be willing to see any calamity afflicting this beloved nation. Verily, Malaysia Day reminds us that we will all be mutually responsible in preserving and safeguarding the nation's sovereignty.

Alhamdulillah, Malaysia is a blessing bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon all of us. Especially with the privilege of Islam as the official religion of the Federation and the Malay Rulers as the Head of Islam in their respective states, we are able to achieve peacefulness, political stability, and progress, day after day. All of these are favors from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is *wajib* (obligatory) for us to be grateful for. Hence, it behooves us to preserve this *ni'mah* (favor) with *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* (piety) unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, with adherence to the laws of the land and fulfilling our duty as obedient and loyal citizens.

On the contrary, when we disbelieve and disobey Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, violating and betraying the laws of the country, then its consequences are detrimental. It is possible that the blessings of peacefulness and prosperity

can be revoked by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* at any time, where in the end the country will be afflicted with destruction and its citizens stricken with suffering.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 58 of Soorah al-Israa' that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

"And there is no city but that We will destroy it before the Day of Resurrection or punish it with a severe punishment. That has ever been in the Register inscribed."

This verse explains that there is no locality with transgression except that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* destroys and annihilates its people. Those that worship other than Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, practicing deviant teachings or deifying humans, surely will be met with severe punishment from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Jaabir *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

اتَّقُوا الظُّلْمَ؛ فَإِنَّ الظُّلْمَ ظُلُمَاتٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، وَاتَّقُوا
الشُّحَّ؛ فَإِنَّ الشُّحَّ أَهْلَكَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ، حَمَلَهُمْ عَلَى أَنْ
سَفَكُوا دِمَاءَهُمْ وَاسْتَحَلُّوا مَحَارِمَهُمْ

"Beware of oppression, for oppression will be darkness on the Day of Resurrection; and beware of stinginess because it destroyed those who were before you. It incited them to shed blood and deem unlawful as lawful."

(Muslim)

This destruction will not occur except due to oppression among mankind. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 59 of Soorah al-Qasas:

وَمَا كَانَ رَبُّكَ مُهْلِكَ الْقُرَىٰ حَتَّىٰ يَبْعَثَ فِي أُمَمٍ رَّسُولًا يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ ءَايَاتِنَا وَمَا كُنَّا مُهْلِكِي الْقُرَىٰ إِلَّا وَأَهْلُهَا ظَالِمُونَ .

“And never would your Lord have destroyed the cities until He had sent to their mother a messenger reciting to them Our verses. And We would not destroy the cities except while their people were wrongdoers.”

Beloved Muslims,

Indeed, truth, justice, and the implementation of *amar ma'roof* and *nahy munkar* (commanding good and preventing evil) are important foundations in ensuring the well-being and integrity of a nation.

What is more important is that peacefulness and progress of the country achieved today must be protected. This necessitates having a leader that is just, honest, having utmost *akhlaaq* (character), and citizens that are well-disciplined and loyal. Only then the religion, life, lineage, intellect, and wealth will remain safeguarded within a prosperous and peaceful country.

The question is, how can a country remain safe and peaceful if its denizens have lost its moral compass, while its leaders are at each other's throat, fighting for positions and wealth? How can a nation remain prosperous and safeguarded if shirk, gambling, and intoxicants are widespread, bribery becomes a culture, wealth becomes misappropriated, also disobedience and evil acts rampant?

Take heed upon what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 112 of Soorah an-Nahl:

“And Allah presents an example: a city which was safe and secure, its provision coming to it in abundance from every location, but it denied the favors of Allah. So Allah made it taste the envelopment of hunger and fear for what they had been doing.”

Esteemed audience,

Let us altogether manifest our love for the country by increasing our *imaan* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, practicing righteous deeds, and always supplicating for the well-being and blessings of our homeland. At the same time, let us defend and nurture the spirit of unity, and manifest unwavering loyalty so that the nation's peacefulness and prosperity remain preserved. Rasulullah ﷺ himself had demonstrated examples of love for his birthplace, Makkah, and also Madeenah, as the place where he ﷺ resided, striving to develop it with the guidance of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Moreover, Rasulullah ﷺ had made *du'aa* (supplication) as mentioned in the narration of 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*:

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْمَدِينَةَ كَحُبِّنَا مَكَّةَ أَوْ أَشَدَّ

“O Allah! Make us love Madeenah as dearly as we love Makkah, or more than that.”

(Muslim)

Verily, this Malaysian soil that we are standing on is the land of our birthplace. Here, it is *waajib* for us to sow the love and affection for the nation

based upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ, so that peacefulness and progress enjoyed will remain. At the same time, we are also responsible in safeguarding the sanctity of the religion, the well-being of community living, and the nation's sovereignty from any threat of pollution, violence, destruction, and invasion. Indeed, our country is a blessing bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, *amaanah* (trust) and responsibility upon all of us.

Dear beloved Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, there are several important matters serving as guidance and guiding principle for us all:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that Malaysia is a blessing bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is *waajib* to be grateful for. Such gratitude is manifested by fulfilling all of His Commands, abandoning all of His prohibitions, and upholding Islamic teachings as the ultimate guide in nationhood.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must appear as the exemplary *ummah* by working together in advancing the nation, preserving unity, and staying away from any form of division.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that it is Islam that preserves the peace and well-being of a nation, by upholding truth and justice, not through deception and oppression. Only then we will be guaranteed with success in this worldly life and the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوِّمِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ
أَنفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ
بِهِمَا فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىٰ أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا وَإِنْ تَلَوُّا أَوْ تَعْرِضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ
كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا.

“O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted.”

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:135)

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 أَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيعَةَ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً،
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ 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.³

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.
اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ،
وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ، وَاجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ
بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّقْ أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
لِمَا فِيهِ صَلَاحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلَاحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'aqeedah of the Muslims upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*. Spare us from all forms of bribery and abuse of power, as well as misguidance, shirk and superstition, and protect us from *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of *fitnah* and calamities such as murder, bullying, and oppressing others. Bestow upon us leaders that have utmost integrity, firmness, and courage in upholding the Truth according to Your *Sharee'ah*.

O Allah! We beseech Your protection from the evil of the enemies and traitors. Protect us from the temptations of *shaytaan* and his armies. Guide us to always remain *istiqamah* in fulfilling all of Your Commands and abandoning all of Your prohibitions.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁴ al-Furqaan: 2574.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.