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I sincerely implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our Allah taqwa of 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.

On this glorious day, I will expound on a *khutbah*. titled...



Malaysia is 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

afflicting this calamity beloved nation. Verily, Malaysia Day reminds us that we will all be mutually responsible in preserving and safeguarding the nation's sovereignty.

Alhamdulillaah, 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 waajib (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 and peacefulness prosperity be can 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 said:

"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:

"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."

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 This protected. having a necessitates leader that is just, honest, having utmost

akhlaaq (character), and citizens that are welldiscipined 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."

Let us altogether manifest our love for the country by increasing our imaan unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, righteous practicing 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 himself had demonstrated examples of love for his birthplace, Makkah, and also Madeenah, as the place where he resided, striving to develop it with

the guidance of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Moreover, Rasulullah had made du'aa (supplication) as mentioned the in narration of 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha:

"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

of and as-Sunnah Rasulullah , that peacefulness and progress enjoyed will remain. At the same time, we are also responsible safeguarding the in sanctity of the religion,

the well-being of community living, and nation's the sovereignty from any pollution, threat of violence, destruction, and invasion. Indeed,

our country is a blessing bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa amaanah Ta'aala, (trust) and responsibility upon all of us.

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 for. Such grateful gratitude is manifested

by fulfilling all of His Commands, abandoning all of His prohibitions, and upholding Islamic teachings as the in ultimate guide nationhood.

2. The Muslim ummah must appear as the by exemplary ummah 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.

"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."

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

O Allah! Strengthen the 'ageedah of the Muslims upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

Prophet Muhammad and his Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum. Spare us from all forms of bribery, 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 Truth the according Your to 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 istiquamah in fulfilling all of Your Commands and abandoning all of Your prohibitions.

