“DEFENDING INDEPENDENCE IS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY”

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and implore my beloved audience to strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala with absolute taqwa, fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we always remain in the mercy and protection of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala, in seeking His Pleasure in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will expound on a khutbah titled “DEFENDING INDEPENDENCE IS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY.”

Dear blessed audience,

Independence is freedom from occupation in all forms, whether externally or internally. An independent ummah is one that can think and act with soundness, where everything is done for the self, people or religion for the sake of the ummah in its entirety without having to worry about anyone obstructing it, where no one is feared except Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala.

Independence is a bounty bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala upon mankind on His earth. However, the bounty of Independence cannot be experienced fully by all human beings.

We are truly grateful that our nation can celebrate its 60th Independence. It is an age of adulthood and maturity that it is only appropriate for us to rise and continue to advance in nurturing a civilization that is progressing and developing from the physical, mental, and spiritual perspectives. The nation building of “Good Governance” means

1 Aal-'Imraan 3:26
that having good leadership does not only become the sole responsibility of the ruler in its execution, but it is also a shared responsibility that is to be borne by every citizen.

Blessed Muslims,

Among the recipe for us to preserve our survivability and continuing the agenda of safeguarding the Independence for our nation are:

1. The strengthening of the ‘aqeedah, Sharee’ah, and Islamic akhlaaq must be instilled within the leaders and citizens to ensure that the culture of apostasy, disobedience, and transgression against Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala ceases to exist. It goes without saying that all walks of society must always strive to seek authentic religious knowledge, fully comprehend tawheed and religious rulings, and always possessing noble akhlaaq. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala mentions in verse 41 of soorah al-Hajj:

الذين إن مكنتهم في الأرض أقاموا الصلاة وواتوا الرسمة وأمروا بالمعروف
ومنهوا على المشركين وَبَشَرَ عَقِبَةَ الأُمُورِ

"[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."

2. The priority for advancement in the process of nation building encompasses all aspects. The nation’s leaders and its citizens must abstain from bribery, breach of trust, and any form of corruption. They must remain istiqaamah (steadfast) in the enculturation and prioritizing good governance with justice, honesty, integrity, and responsibility in all affairs. This is based on verse 58 of soorah an-Nisaa’:

"Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing."

3. Always upholding the very concept of the welfare state. The wealth of the nation must be shared with the people. The government provides services and amenities, while the people would benefit and remain grateful. Both the leaders and the people would collectively cooperate in shouldering the trust and responsibility of building the nation together. The citizens become united, while the economy prospers with the people enjoying quality life, and their welfare does not get suppressed. All these would incur mercy and blessings from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala, as mentioned in verse 96 of soorah al-A’raaf:

وَلَوْ أنَّ أهَلَ الْقُرْءَانِ مِثْلَهُمْ أَتَقُواْ لَفَتَّخَنَّهُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ بِرَكَّةً مِّنْ أَلْسَمَاءٍ وَأَلْرَضٍ
وَلَيْنِ كَذَّبُواْ فَأَخْذُوهُمْ بِمَا كَانُواْ يَكْسِبُونَ
“And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah, We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning.”

We are truly certain that if we are to adhere to the prescribed recipes mentioned earlier, insha Allah, we will become able and capable of defending the sovereignty and Independence of our nation forever.

Blessed Muslims,

As citizens that truly love this country, we must always possess unwavering spirit of patriotism. We must be willing to sacrifice anything in defending the religion, people, and the nation. We also must have solid determination to defend this land from getting invaded by enemies from within or outside the nation.

**Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala mentions in verse 60 of soorah al-Anfaal:**

> وَأَعْدُوا لَهُم مَا أَسْتَطَعْتُم مِّن قُوَّةٍ وَمَنْ رَبَّاطَ الْخُلُقْ تُرْهَمُونَٰ بِهِ عَدْوَ 
> عَلَهِّ وَعَدُّوْهُمْ وَأَخْرَجْنَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَهُمْ عَلَهِّ يُعْلَمُهُمْ وَمَا تُنفِقُوا مِّنْ
> شَيْءٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يُوْفِيكُمْ إِلَيْهِمْ وَأَنتُمُّ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ

> “And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others besides them whom you do not know [but] whom Allah knows. And whatever you spend in the cause of Allah will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged.”

Dear beloved audience,

In concluding the khutbah today, I solemnly invite upon all of us to ponder upon the following tawsiyyah (recommendations):

1. The Muslim ummah must defend its independence according to the ‘aqeedah and Sharee’ah of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala, and further remain thankful upon the bounty of freedom so that it will remain forever.

2. The Muslim ummah must utilize its independence by increasing its knowledge and skills, as well as advancing its economy, which enhances the quality of life.

3. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to free themselves from the shackles of wicked desire, ideologies, and evil culture that can corrupt lives in this world and the Hereafter.
Allah is the ally of those who believe. He brings them out from darknesses into the light. And those who disbelieve - their allies are Taaghoot. They take them out of the light into darknesses. Those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide eternally therein.”

(al-Baqarah 2:257)
THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Al-Hamdullilah, the one who has created us from the mendicant men. Womanhood and manhood is the duty of all. This is the second khutbah.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us always increase our salawaat and salaam upon our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions:

“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)
O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in the state of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us rizq with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from deviant teachings such as Shee’ah, Qadiyaani, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, fulfilling zakaat through Lembaga Zakat Selangor (Selangor Zakaat Board), making waqf and infaaq of our wealth to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Waqf Corporation), and Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

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