LIBERATE THE COLONIZED MIND
Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Truly, the best of people in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* are those with utmost *taqwa*.
The Muslim *ummaḥ* of the past were glorious with tremendous contributions to the civilization of mankind. However, today it has all changed. The Muslim *ummaḥ* are now tremendously lagging behind in various aspects.
Why is this happening? Where did we go wrong? How do we overcome this predicament? Furthermore, are we capable of such rectification while a portion of the ummah are still colonized in their mind and soul even though their lands have
long gained independence? The colonization of the mind and soul is when the Muslim ummah, even though highly educated and intellectual, are incapable of liberating themselves from the shackles
of Western or colonialists’ thoughts. Those with colonized minds will always deem ideas, thoughts, and success originating from abroad as having absolute goodness, correct, and to be
emulated even if they go against Islamic teachings. On the contrary, any regulations, ideas, and thoughts originating from Islam will be seen as uncivilized, antiquated, unjust, and unrealistic.
Those with colonized minds are unable to see with the eyes of their heart, unable to think with their own independent mind. Instead, they will see according to the vision of the colonialists and those supporting the colonialists’ ideologies.
In result, their very self-identity, character, and integrity become weakened. Indeed, this was all well planned by the colonial power through the implementation of an educational policy that neglects the comprehensiveness of Islam.
The colonialists had malicious intent and intended destruction especially of the minds and thoughts of the colonized population so that they become astray from the Truth of Islam. Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala mentions in al-Qur’an:
“And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion...”

(al-Baqarah 2:120)
Among the goals of colonization is to prevent the Muslims from being taught that Islam is a complete way of life, comprehensive and all encompassing that fulfills the need of this world and the Hereafter.
Instead, they were only taught about Islam that is restricted to matters pertaining specific acts of worship. In addition, the Muslim students were further injected with doubts and misconceptions that were strategically intended.
As an example, Muslim children were fed with historical distortion of the Golden Age of Europe so that they will become deluded, misinformed, doubtful, and inferior with the status of Islam.
As a direct effect, a new Muslim generation is born, having the comfort and complacency of only performing specific ‘ibaadah whilst their mindset, thoughts, understanding, and actions
are in contradiction with Islamic teachings. Hence, we still find the colonialists’ schools and tertiary institutions operating in many Muslim lands that were once colonized. Through this educational planning, the colonialists were able to
continue their very agenda in keeping their grip in colonizing the minds of the Muslims even though their lands have long gained independence.
In addition, we have among us Muslims that are lacking confidence, confused, or in doubt. Even saddening are those that are brazen in openly challenging the Sharee‘ah, questioning issues pertaining *hudud*, inheritance law,
gambling, intoxicants, *zina*, ‘*awrah*, *riba*’, bribery, and others. They profess belief (*imaan*) in portions of the Book (al-Qur’an) but reject others. Or having *imaan* with rulings that they deem fit or advantageous,
and leave out those rulings that they perceive as adversarial or controversial. Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala mentions in al-Qur’an:
“... So do you believe in part of the Scripture and disbelieve in part? Then what is the recompense for those who do that among you except disgrace in worldly life;
and on the Day of Resurrection they will be sent back to the severest of punishment. And Allah is not unaware of what you do.”

(al-Baqarah 2:85)
There are some Muslims that failed to comprehend that Islam provides an economic system, legislative, administrative, political, social, educational, and communal system that are complete, extensive, and superior.
They have been hoodwinked since their primary education to their tertiary education. The colonialists were successful in separating some Muslim students from the authentic 'aqeedah after being disillusioned and duped with the
material success of the colonialists, which have been subliminally propagated in subjects that depicts their glorious history. The colonialists have exhausted every room and opportunity available to infiltrate the minds,
ideas, and perspectives of the Muslim ummah. Thus their diligence in destructing, corroding, and weakening the faith of the Muslims in various ways. It is evident that their strategy had bore fruits in producing Muslims having
colonialists’ mentality and character. Even though they are Muslims by name, yet their very behavior, attitude, mindset, and belief are firm in glorifying the superiority of the colonialists.
They wish for the Muslims to change and imitate the lifestyle of the West in all aspects of life. For them, Islam should be put aside for it only serves as obstruction.
The colonialists have stated that Islam espouses that which restricts human rights. Hence, it must be separated from governance, administration, politics, and economy.
Such is the craftiness and slyness of the colonialists, whether the Dutch, British, or Communists. With strategy and organized planning, they were successful in jeopardizing
and corrupting the ‘aqeedah of significant population of the Muslims. The Muslim ummah had to endure lies and distortions about Islam for many centuries. Those remaining Muslims with colonized minds and soul are now carrying out
the propaganda claiming that the *Sharee‘ah* is not suitable to be implemented in our times. They proclaim that Islam must be suited and revamped according to the evolving and progression of time, not its opposite.
Indeed, these people have corrupted ‘aqeedah, misguided, and deviated. Despite all these, we are grateful for there are still many Muslims that stood up with positive reaction and firmness upon Islam. From then onwards lies the clash,
causing various opposition and conflicts that are continuous until complete *Sharee‘ah* is finally upheld and implemented. These Muslims will be brave, firm, and having constant
istiqaamah in conveying the risaalah, giving advice and admonition whether written or verbal, with hikmah and intelligence so that Islam will always be upheld and ennobled.
In conclusion:

Based on this reality, it behooves the Muslim ummah to rise and return in rectifying all the existing mistakes. We must rid off all misconceptions, ideas, thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors that have ruined the
image of our *deen* in the eyes of the world. Verily, we are truly blessed to be Muslims even though countless efforts were done to destroy Islam, except that Islam stayed firm and keeps growing. For this, the Muslim *ummah* having firm belief must
take actions for:

1. Enhancement of the educational curriculum in emphasizing on ‘aqeedah, akhlaaq, and Sharee‘ah as core elements to produce sound
‘aqeedah, imaan, akhlaaq, personality, and competency.

2. Full comprehension and awareness of the activities and strategies organized by the enemies of Islam in disintegrating the ‘aqeedah of the Muslims.
3. Full initiative to increase awareness towards protecting oneself, families, and the Muslim community, so as to step forth proactively in overcoming constant deceits of the enemies of Islam.
Therefore, let us increase the activities of intellectual discourses and its like to further clarify the divine message preached by Islam. We shall strive in returning the glory of Islam to its prestigious status.
Let us form a united and energized effort towards the continuation of integrated work in realizing the united mission to glorify Islam in our beloved Muslim land. Let us stay united and istiqaamah in practicing Islam according to the Sharee‘ah.
Let us liberate our minds, become mature in our thinking, refine our intended vision, and safeguard the minds from any un-Islamic influence.
“They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it.”
(at-Tawbah 9:32)
بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلِكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآن الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا قِيْه مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ العَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلِكُمْ وَلِسَائِر
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الأَحْيَاء مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيمُ.
O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.
We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,
protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.
Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur’an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.
Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty.

Allahummaa ameen