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1 al-Hujuraat 49:6
“Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread [or publicized] among those who have believed will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter. And Allah knows and you do not know.”

Dear blessed audience,

In the era of globalization, in the age of technological advancement, just about every matter, incident, and news can be easily spread at a rapid speed, widespread, and effortlessly. Through the social media alone as the intermediary such as Facebook and WhatsApp, information can be broadcasted all over the world in just a matter of a few seconds. Infused with the gross attitude of not wanting to be left out, such “sensational information” or “breaking news” will continue to be disseminated and concocted without any verification. In reality, the truth is that any information that is without any form of verification and validation is fitnah that is being propagated.

The mentality of easily accepting news and disseminating them without any vigilance and scrutiny is gravely prohibited in Islam. Every Muslim must investigate every piece of information received so that one does not become involved with defamatory news. All information received must be verified of its authenticity. If we do not know of its validity, then we must not disseminate that information, for everything will be held accountable by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala has reminded the believers in verse 36 of soorah al-Israa’:

وَلَوْ نَقَفْتُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عَلَمُ إِنَّ السُّمْعَ وَالْبَصُرَ وَالْفَوْقَادَ كُلُّ آَوْلِيكُمْ كَانَ عِنْهُ مُسْتَؤْلَوٌا

“And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned.”

Blessed audience,

There are various religious texts (nusoos) that prohibit and detest the act of spreading fitnah. Among them:

First: The one spreading fitnah is the worst person. ‘Abdur Rahmaan bin Ghanmin radiyAllaahu ‘anh narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

شِسَازُ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الََّٰهاءُونَ بِالىامُِمَهتِِ، الُْْفَسِّقُهىنَ بَهيْنَ حَحِباهتِ، الْبَهاَُىنَ الْآُه َ ءَ

“The worst among the slaves of Allah are those who go about slandering, sowing discord between friends in order to separate them, and desiring to lead the innocent into wrong action.”

(Ahmad)

Second: The slanderer will be inflicted with the punishment of the grave. In the hadeeth of ibn ‘Abbaas radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma, Rasulullah ﷺ said:
“They are being punished, but they are not being punished because of a major sin. One of them used not to save himself from (being soiled with) the urine, and the other used to go about with calumnies (nameemah).”

(al-Bukhaari)

In another hadeeth, narrated by Samurah bin Jundub radiyAllaahu ‘anhu, Rasulullah ﷺ explained his dream:

وَأَمَّا الْرَّجُلُ الَّذِي أَتَٰبَعَ عَلَيْهِ، يُسْرُرُ شَرَدْقُهُ إِلَى قَفَّاهُ، وَمَنْحَرَهُ إِلَى قَفَّاهُ، وَعَيْنَهُ إِلَى قَفَّاهُ، فَإِنَّهُ الْرَّجُلُ يُغْدُوُ مِنْ بَنْيَتِهِ، فَيَكْذِبُ الْكُذْبَةُ "يَبْلُغُ الآفَاقَ"

“... As for the man you came upon whose sides of mouth, nostrils and eyes were torn off from front to back, he is the symbol of the man who goes out of his house in the morning and tells so many lies that it spreads all over the world...”

(al-Bukhaari)

Third: The slanderer will not enter Paradise. This is as it was narrated by Hudhayfah radiyAllaahu ‘anh where he heard Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“A qattaat (backbiter) will not enter Paradise.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed audience,

Indeed, fitnah leads to tremendous catastrophe upon individuals, the society, and nation. Fitnah is a grave sin committed by a person upon another person. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala will not forgive the sin of the slanderer and tattler, unless those slandered forgives them. Spreading fitnah can cause great dishonor to individuals, prominent figures, or a group of people.

Fitnah can also sever the ties of brotherhood, causing strife, and even ruin the family institution and society. Through fitnah, the relationship between siblings, spouses, neighbors, and others would rupture, which in the end becomes totally severed. It then turns into everlasting hostility that threatens the national security.

Dear blessed audience,

To end the khutbah on this blessed day, I would like to remind fellow audience regarding the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that all of our words and actions will be held accountable before Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala on the Day of Judgment.

2. The Muslim ummah is prohibited from spreading fitnah for it can lead to dispute and disunity.
3. The Muslim ummah must remain vigilant and always scrutinize all information received so as to avoid the evil of spreading fitnah, which only leads to destruction.

أَعُوذ بِّيَاةٍ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَنَّاهُمْ وَأَلْمَوَّسَتْهُمْ فَلَمْ يَتَّبَعُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَدَّٰبًا جَهَنَّمًا

وَهُمْ عَذَابُ النَّارِ

“Indeed, those who have tortured the believing men and believing women and then have not repented will have the punishment of Hell, and they will have the punishment of the Burning Fire.”

(al-Burooj 85:10)

بَارِكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُسْنِ الْعَظُّمِ، وَهَفَعَنِيْ
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فَاستُفِعَزْوَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفْوُ الرَّجِيمُ.

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Haslan/Nurul
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THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنْ المُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطُّلُبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَخِدْعَتُهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. آلِهِمْ صَلِّ
Dear blessed audience,

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-Alhaaeb 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 riqz with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as Qadiyaani, deviant teachings such as Shee’ah, 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).