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الحمد لله القايل: إنما المؤمنون إخوة فأصلحوا بين
أخوكم واتقوا الله لعلكم ترحمون ۱

أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وأشهد أن محمداً رسول الله. لله صلى وسلم على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحابته أجمعين. أما بعد، فيا أيها المسلمين! إتقوا الله، أوصيكم وإياي بتدوى الله فقد فاز المتون. قال الله تعالى: يتأسِّف الذين آمناً Они أتقوا الله حق تقاته.

ولا تموتون إلا وأتستم مسلمون.

1 al-Hujuraat 49:10
Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and call upon fellow Muslims to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala with true taqwa by fulfilling all of the commands from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Today, I would like to deliver a khutbah titled: “ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD: THE CORE OF THE UMMAH’S UNITY.”

Dear blessed audience,

Islam is a religion that strongly emphasize upon ukhuwwah (brotherhood) and unity amongst its adherents. Hence, one main feature in all of the ‘ibaadah that we perform is actually based on ukhuwwah and unity. For example, specific ‘ibaadah such as salaah, fasting, zakaat, and hajj that are ordained upon us, among others, aims to build ukhuwwah and unity, therefore making us as believers whom are brothers to each other.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala mentions in Soorah al-Hujuraat, verse 10:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَاصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوِيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُواٍ

الله لَعَلَّكُم تَرْحَمُونَ

“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”

(al-Hujuraat 49:10)

The verse above explains that every believing Muslim is bounded by the tie of kinship, which is a bond that upholds unity amongst them. More
over, it even goes beyond blood and family relations. Therefore, it behooves them to preserve this bond by aiding and respecting one another. This is consistent with the advice of our elders, “berat sama dipikul, ringan sama dijinjing” (meaning: we will work together and remain united, no matter what). This is the characteristic of ideal brotherhood that is built upon the basis of religion as manifested by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ during his migration to Madeenah.

According to history, such excellent brotherhood that was recorded had occurred between the Ansaar and Muhaajireen. In this context, they were successful in shaping solid ukhuwwah or brotherhood amongst each other. For example, an Ansaari who has two shirts will happily give away one shirt as a gift to a Muhaajir. An Ansaari who has two homes will award one of them to a Muhaajir family. Also, those that own two plots of land will give away one plot as waqf (endowment) to the Muhaajireen. Such was the firmness of the brotherhood that was internalized and upheld by the Muslims during the time of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Blessed Muslims,

Nowadays, what is happening in reality is actually far from what it should be. Well, it is no wonder, since the Islamic brotherhood that is fueled by unity and family spirit has began to wane away with the passing of time. For example, for some of us, rarely they would actually meet up with their own family members. So much so that they do not even know their own family members. Furthermore, there are neighbors acting like “enau dalam belukar, melepaskan pucuk masing-masing” (meaning: everyone would do as they please as there is no cohesiveness). They would not greet each other, and not even know one another. On a different note, some business folks
nowadays would even manipulate the consumers. Of recent times, some employers would even purposely neglect the welfare of their employees.

Not to mention that the poor and needy are still being marginalized by the wealthy ones. Nowadays, the evils of envy, prejudice, revenge, and betrayal (khiyaanah) are still prevalent within the hearts of the society, just like the mushrooms’ rapid growth after it rains. Even worse, we find certain leaders and members of political parties would fight amongst themselves, jeopardizing the *ukhuwwah* of the Muslim *ummah*. The question begs, why are the Muslims still divided?

Among the main factors contributing to this problem is having weak ‘*aqeedah*, with the *taqwa* and affection amongst the Muslims dwindling down. This causes the dignity of the Muslim *ummah* to be no longer held high, and instead deemed as low, day after day. The lives of many Muslims nowadays are no longer based upon the concept of *ukhuwwah* and unity, as espoused by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. In the *hadeeth* collected by Imaam Muslim, an-Nu’maan ibn Basheer *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma* reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

> "The similitude of the believers in regard to mutual love, affection, fellow-feeling is that of one body. When any limb of it aches, the whole body aches, because of sleeplessness and fever.”

> مَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي تَوَادُّهُمْ وَتَرَاحُمِهِمْ وَتَعَاطِفُهُمْ مَثَلُ الْجَسَدِ; إِذَا اشْتَكَى مَنْهُ عَضُوٌ تَدَاعَى لَهُ سَائِرُ الْجَسَدِ بِالسَّهْرِ وَالْحُمَى"
Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether ponder upon the culture of *ukhuwwah* and unity, as outlined by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*. Among them:

First: the Muslim *ummah* must avoid prejudice, hurling abuse, instigate and insult each other for it is these very actions that become the cause of dispute and strife amongst us all.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala* mentions in Soorah al-Hujuraat, verse 12:

"O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful."

*(al-Hujuraat 49:12)*

Second: every Muslim individual must become a member of society that is always positive-minded, aiding others, helping one another, avoiding one’s
own ego, fanaticism, and feeling uneasy over the opinions and efforts of others, so that our *ukhuwwah* will be upheld together. This is in line with what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* mentions in Soorah al-Maa‘idah, verse 2:

> ... وَتَعاَوَّنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالْتَقْوَى وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعِدْوَانِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدٌ الْعِقَابِ

“... And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.”

(al-Maa‘idah 5:2)

Third: the Muslim *ummah* must always greet each other with the *salaam* whenever they would meet. This will foster brotherhood ties that are good and perfect. Within it, there is good speech for kindness, security, well-being, reward, and *du‘aa*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* mentions in Soorah an-Nisaa’, verse 86:

> وَإِذَا حَيَّيْتُم بِتَحْيَاةٍ فَحْيُوا بِأَحْسَنِ مِنْهَا أَوْ رُدُّوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَسَبًا

“And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet [in return] with one better than it or [at least] return it [in a like manner]. Indeed, Allah is ever, over all things, an Accountant.”

(an-Nisaa’ 4:86)
Fourth: to ensure that all forms of socio-economic and political rights for the citizens are always preserved with justice and equity. Furthermore, corrupted practices such as discrimination and double standard that touches upon the lives of individuals must be avoided at all costs. This is very important because with the inculcation of the concept of justice, it will result in the feeling of self-satisfaction, which then leads to the birth of mutual cooperation, respect, and understanding between one another, thus strengthening the unity of *ukhuwwah* within the Muslim *ummah*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in Soorah al-Maa’idah, verse 8:

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O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do.
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(al-Maa’idah 5:8)

Blessed audience,
In ending this *khutbah*, I call upon fellow *Muslimeen* to collectively strive in upholding unity in our daily lives. With solid unity, we can revive the political strength, economic domination, as well as the social quality of the Muslim *ummah* in the future. Therefore, we are left with no choice but to unite together in safeguarding our unity by adhering to the teachings of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, for the sake of the future generation.

> “*And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.*”

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:103)
بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرآنِ العَظِيمِ، وَنَفعَني وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنْ الآياتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الحكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تَلاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ العَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَآسِطَعْفِرُ اللَّهُ العَظِيمِ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَآسِطَعْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفْوُ الرَّحِيمُ.
THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Dear blessed Muslims,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents 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. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation.
إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَّأَ كُلّ شَيْءٍ ۛ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ جَ يَتَأَذِّبُهَا ۛ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلَّمَ ۛ عَلَى سَيْدِنَا وَمُوَلَّاهَا مُحَمَّدٌ سَيْدٌ ۛ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضِ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ أَصْحَابِه وَقَرَابَتِه وَأُزْوَاجِه وَذُرُّيَّاتِه أَجْمَعِينَ.

آللَّهُمَّ آغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۛ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبٌ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِي َالْحَاجَاتِ ۛ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسَأَلُكَ وَنَتوَسُّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الأمِينَ، وَنَسَأَلُكَ بِاسْمَآئِكَ ۛ الْحُسْنيَّ وَصِفَاتِكَ العَظِيمَ أَنْ تَحْفَظِ بَعْيِنَ عَنَايِتِكَ الرَّبَائِيَّةَ وَبْحَفْظِ وَقَابِيَةَ ۛ الصَّمَدْنَيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكَنَا المُعْظُمُ سَلَّطَان ۛ سَلَّامُ ۛ عُور، سَلَّطَانُ ۛ دِينُ الْدِّينِ ۛ اَدْرِيسُ شَاهْ
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*, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our *rizq*, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe
trials especially the plagues of Zika and Dengue, so that our state will become more peaceful and blessed.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech You, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa’ah*, and protect us from the practices and ‘aweedah that are astray such as Shee’ah, Qadiyaani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations, as well as making waqf and infaaq of our wealth especially to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor Waqf Corporation) and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor). With these deeds, O Allah, bless our lives and widen our rizq with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.
فاذكرُوا الله العظيمَ يذكِركُمْ وَاشكُروهُ عَلَى
نِعْمَهِ، يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْأَلْهُ مِنَ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِيكُمْ
وَلَذِكْرُ الله أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصِنَعُونَ.

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