



1	 <p style="text-align: center;">THE PRECIOUS PEACE 5 February 2016AD / 26 Rabiulakhir 1437H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لَلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ،</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;">قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾</p>
4	<p style="text-align: center;">أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، وَصَفِيَّهُ وَخَلِيلَهُ، وَخَيْرَتَهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ، بَلَّغَ الرِّسَالَةَ، وَأَدَّى الْأَمَانَةَ، وَنَصَحَ الْأُمَّةَ، وَجَعَلْنَا عَلَى الْمَحْجَةِ الْبَيْضَاءِ لَيْلَهَا كَنَاهِرَهَا، لَا يَزِيغُ عَنْهَا إِلَّا هَالِكٌ،</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ وَسَلَامُهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;">أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Let us invigorate our soul with a high conviction in Allah SWT, strive hard to perform all His commands and stay away from all His prohibitions. Indeed, those who really have the conviction in Allah SWT shall surely safeguard themselves and others from any form of ruin and evil. May we be among those who attain tranquillity, peace and happiness in this world and in the Hereafter.</p>



8	The Mimbar on this blessed day shall deliver a sermon entitled: “The Precious Peace” .
9	Peace is a form of enjoyment that is very precious and is coveted by every person. Allah SWT has made it as a medium for us to think and to learn from, so that our faith in him shall increase. Peace means we are free from all forms of threat which would threaten harmony. <i>Alhamdulillah</i> , we are very thankful that our nation is peaceful and calm.
10	With peace, security shall be safeguarded, harmony shall be built and, most importantly, Islam shall be protected. Peace is the main foundation in our effort to establish Islam, to develop and prosper a nation. Let us beware how important peace is to man’s life, to the point that Prophet Ibrahim AS once supplicated to Allah SWT so that Makkah may be granted peace and prosperity.
11	Allah SWT declared in Surah Al-Baqarah verse 126: وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ مَنْ آمَنَ مِنْهُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ قَالَ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَأُمَتِّعُهُ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ أَضْطَرُّهُ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ النَّارِ وَيُئْسُ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿١٢٦﴾
12	Which means: <i>“And remember Ibrahim said: “My Lord, make this a City of Peace, and feed its people with fruits, such of them as believe in Allah and the Last Day.” He said: “(Yes), and such as reject Faith,- for a while will I grant them their pleasure, but will soon drive them to the torment of Fire, an evil destination (indeed)!” ”</i>
13	Just look at the history of man’s civilisation which shows how the blessing of peace has been able to contribute to the prosperity and tranquillity of mankind’s life. With peace we are able to perform all our worldly affairs without having to feel afraid and fearful. Therefore, protect the peace of our beloved nation from elements that may threaten the stability of its social, political, economic and other systems.
14	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Besides the blessing of peace which we are enjoying today, there exist



	some beginnings of chaos that is brought about by certain quarters. Just look at the many different schools of thought which are going against the <i>ahli sunnah wal jamaah</i> , such as the liberals, religious pluralism, secularism and so on.
15	They have spread many new thoughts to the point of meddling with the creed, or <i>akidah</i> , of Muslims. The contradicting schools of thoughts is among the reasons why peace within our nation is being threatened. The same goes for so-called human rights champions who fight for rights that are against the <i>syariat</i> of Islam.
16	The creed of Muslims in this country is becoming harder to protect. There exist deviant teachings spread by certain groups which have been successful in influencing some Muslims. Besides that, various <i>mazhabs</i> of creed other than <i>ahli sunnah wal jamaah</i> , such as <i>Rafidhah</i> , <i>Muktazilah</i> , <i>Qadariah</i> and others, are being actively spread. When their efforts are questioned or blocked by the authorities, they will use human rights as their defence.
17	It is so easy for Muslims to be influenced when their creed is not preserved. The result: the peaceful life of the Muslim community shall slowly be threatened due to differences in creed, which we shall not see any end to it.
18	A peaceful life in this nation of ours is slowly being threatened by many forms of violence and brutality. We are not only facing individuals with animalistic desires who commit many forms of crime such as murder, snatch theft, robbery, sexual assaults, corruption, breach of trust and so on, but we are also facing many criminal doctrines founded in the name of martyrdom to protect Islam.
19	Recently, the world was shocked by the suicide bomb attacks of individuals who were linked to the Militant DAESH in Turkey and in our neighbouring country Indonesia. The incidents created an atmosphere of conflict and chaos, to the point that it created fear in everyone.



20	In Malaysia, a similar incident nearly occurred, but due to the cooperation of all parties, it was prevented. Is that the true Islamic cause? Just imagine, who would be the victims if the attacks were made at public places visited by the masses? Surely the enemy forces would not be killed.
21	<p>Remember the advice of Rasulullah SAW in a hadith narrated by Imam Ibn Majah, from a report by Ibnu 'Abbas RA:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، إِيَّاكُمْ وَالْغُلُوفِ فِي الدِّينِ، فَإِنَّهُ أَهْلَكَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ الْغُلُوفِ فِي الدِّينِ.</p> <p>Which means: “O mankind, be careful with extremism in religion, for indeed such attitude was what had destroyed the people before you.”</p>
22	Issues regarding universal security must be given proper attention by all of us. The tense atmosphere faced by other communities must be made an example of, so that our beloved nation shall always be safeguarded. A society that thinks only about itself and fails to take heed of what is happening to other Muslims, especially those in the countries facing upheaval such Syria, Palestine, Iraq and so on, shows that such society does not at all care about the nation's, and universal, peace.
23	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>As Muslims who love peace, we should play our role together with the authorities to protect and preserve the peace within our beloved nation Malaysia. The responsibility lies not only with the authorities alone. We should also be the supporters of truth, the defenders of laws, the patrons of a united <i>ummah</i>.</p>
24	The need for knowledge regarding our true creed and school of thought must be given priority by each and every one of us. This is to ensure that our creed and our school of thought that we follow are really in line with the creed of <i>ahli sunnah wal jamaah</i> . Find as much as possible regarding the school of thought and the other <i>mazhabs</i> of creed, not for us to follow, but for us to be wary of, so that we and our family members shall not be influenced. Take heed regarding matters of creed, or <i>akidah</i> , that is followed by our family members, as proof of our love and affection towards



	them.
25	The <i>Mimbar</i> would also like to remind all who are here today to protect ourselves and our family members from being influenced and involved in any form of militant groups which would always try to create havoc and destroy the peace of our nation. It has been clearly proven that their fight is one which is not in accordance with the true <i>syariat</i> of Islam.
26	Islam does not prohibit its followers from performing <i>jihad</i> , but it must be based on the guidance of the Al-Quran and Al-Hadith. Islam has determined the rules during warfare, and among them is to not hurt the general public, children, the old and women. But, the suicide bombers surely caused deaths from among the general public, women and even children.
27	Ponder upon the words of Allah SWT in surah al-Maaidah verse 32: <p>مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ كَتَبْنَا عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَن قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ثُمَّ إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ بَعَدَ ذَلِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ لَمُسْرِفُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾</p>
28	Which means: <i>“On that account: We ordained for the Children of Israel that if any one slew a person - unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land - it would be as if he slew the whole people: and if any one saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people. Then although there came to them Our messengers with clear signs, yet, even after that, many of them continued to commit excesses in the land.”</i>
29	Therefore, let us together strive to strengthen our solidarity, unite our thoughts to be in accordance with the creed, or <i>akidah</i> , of <i>ahli sunnah wal jamaah</i> , protect our peace, and increase our security, as proof of our absolute faith in Allah SWT.



	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>To conclude the sermon today, ponder upon the following takeaways:</p> <p>First: Be grateful with the blessing of peace which Allah SWT has bestowed by striving to protect and preserve the harmony and security of each citizen.</p> <p>Second: Strive to understand and to infuse the creed of <i>ahli sunnah wal jamaah</i> as our true way of life.</p> <p>Third: Islam disagrees with acts of violence being committed, as it would only destroy the peace that we are enjoying now.</p>
30	<p>Allah SWT declared in surah an-Naml verse 89 to 90:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ خَيْرٌ مِنْهَا وَهُمْ مِنْ فَزَعٍ يَوْمَئِذٍ ءَامِنُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾ وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَكُبَّتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ فِي النَّارِ هَلْ تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾</p>
31	<p>Which means: "If any do good, good will (accrue) to them therefrom; and they will be secure from terror that Day. And if any do evil, their faces will be thrown headlong into the Fire: "Do you receive a reward other than that which you have earned by your deeds?"</p>
32	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>