



1	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADVICE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF AIDILFITRI</b> 1 July 2016AD / 26 Ramadhan 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;">وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
4	<p style="text-align: center;">أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;">أَمَّا بَعْدُ، يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ، لَعَلَّكُمْ تَفْلِحُونَ.</p>
7	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>Conviction in Allah SWT is the way to avert own ruin and misdeeds. Indeed, conviction is a blessing for the whole community. Therefore, let us strive to increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT with full devotion, confidence and sincerity as well as firmness and resoluteness in practice, especially in this month of Ramadhan. May such efforts save us from the persecution and oppression in this world and from destruction and ruin in the Hereafter.</p>



8	On this blessed day, let us reflect upon today's sermon entitled: " <b>Advice for the Arrival Aidilfitri</b> ".
9	<b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Each time, with the arrival of the festive season or school holidays, the roads throughout the country would experience a huge volume of traffic. Everyone would take this opportunity to return to their hometowns, to visit parents, relatives and others.
10	However, in the excitement of heading to our destinations, we must also be aware of the importance of protecting our self and our family while on the road. This is because, at this moment, the number of road accidents have shown an increase compared to the previous years, especially with the additional number of vehicles on the road each year.
11	Every day, whether in print or electronic media, there are always reports of fatal road accidents. According to a report issued by the Royal Malaysian Police, a total of nineteen thousand five hundred and seventy two (19,572) accidents were recorded in <i>Ops Selamat 8</i> . Cases of accidents showed an increase of four hundred and seventy eight (478) cases compared to the same period in 2015, but the death rate dropped by twenty eight (28), to two hundred and seventy nine (279), compared to three hundred and seven (307) last year. In a study conducted by the Ministry of Health, traffic accidents have been listed as the fourth cause of deaths in the country.
12	Upon reflection, this data actually warns us that the number of accidents will continue to increase from year to year if motorists and road users are still irresponsible, arrogant and self-centred. Constant reminders to drive carefully on the roads, to observe the speed limit, to always remember your loved ones and others, and that speeding kills, do not seem to have any effect on some road users or are just simply ignored. Based on studies conducted, drivers with selfish attitudes contribute to the rising number of accidents. In addition to that, common traffic violations such as speeding, using the emergency lane, driving while using the phone, and changing of lanes abruptly without using indicator lights, still continue. All these are



	factors that contribute to the increase in accidents.
13	<b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Accidents can be avoided if motorists and road users practice responsible, safe, considerate and patient driving attitudes.
14	This coincides with the words of Allah SWT in Surah Al-Furqan verse 63 that was delivered at the beginning of the sermon and has the following meanings:  <i>“And the servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, "Peace!"</i>
15	Courtesy and integrity are part of the structure and foundation of Islamic societies. Integrity is not limited to relationships between Muslims only. It also encompasses all human relationships. Islam rejects all kinds of crimes and vices that are rejected by nature and common sense, such as selfishness, pride and others. On the contrary, Islam accepts and encourages all kinds of positive characteristics that affects the society in relation to peace and happiness.
16	Each individual is responsible to avoid the occurrence of accidents or harm to another person, whether intentional or unintentional. This is because the act of harming or inconveniencing any other person is prohibited. Similarly, the act of retaliation is also forbidden.
17	In a Hadith recorded by Imam Ibnu Majah as narrated by Ibn Abbas R.A, Rasulullah SAW said:  <p style="text-align: center;">لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ</p> <b>Which means: "No harm inflicted, no harm received".</b>
18	<b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> We have had enough of witnessing terrible and heart-breaking images and effects every time there is an accident. Value life and our family by choosing to maintain and take care of them as best as possible. Avoid getting



	involved in any act or action that may lead to injury and death while on the road. Even with all the rules and laws that are enforced, if we ourselves do not want to change, it shall remain a problem every year.
19	<p>Allah SWT stated in Surah Al-Baqarah verse 195:</p> <p>وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ</p> 
20	<b>Which means:</b> “And spend of your substance in the cause of Allah, and make not your own hands contribute to (your) destruction; but do good; for Allah loves those who do good.”
21	Additionally, the safety of our homes and possessions should also be given attention in order to avoid incidents such as burglary, theft and robbery from happening during our absence from home. Take precautions by informing the nearest police station and the neighbourhood watch group in our residential area. This is to ensure that the police and neighbourhood watch group can carry out surveillance and patrols around the neighbourhood to avoid the occurrence of burglary.
22	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>In our joy of being with our family back in our hometowns, we must also be reminded that we are moving towards the end of Ramadan. Would we be given the opportunity to meet the month of Ramadan again in the coming year, or otherwise? Will the passing of Ramadan leave a very deep impression upon us, or otherwise?</p>
23	In reality, most of us would take the time to shop, decorate the house and make other preparations for Aidilfitri rather than take the opportunity to actively add more good deeds. The practice of performing good deeds and kindness at the beginning of Ramadan seems to fade as the month of



	Ramadan comes to an end. In fact, it seems that we want the month of Ramadan to end as soon as possible.
24	The momentum of worship performed at the start of Ramadan should be continued even when we are back in our hometowns. It would be even more meaningful if we could perform it together with family and relatives. It can also bring families closer together. In addition, do not neglect our obligation of paying the <i>zakat</i> on time.
25	<p>Rasulullah SAW stated in a Hadith narrated by Ibnu Umar R.A and recorded by Imam Al-Bukhari as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَمَرَ بِزَكَاةِ الْفِطْرِ قَبْلَ خُرُوجِ النَّاسِ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ</p> <p><b>Which means:</b> <i>“That the Prophet SAW commands that the zakat is offered before the Eid prayers are performed.”</i></p>
26	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>Ending the sermon today, the <i>mimbar</i> would like to invite members of the congregation to reflect and appreciate the following as guidance and advice:</p> <p><b>First:</b> Be careful when on the road and avoid being the cause of accidents or harming others.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Follow all safety guidelines set by the authorities to ensure the safety of our homes and possessions are secured, and to trust in Allah SWT that everything is always under His protection.</p> <p><b>Third:</b> Maintain the momentum in worship until the end of Ramadan, wherever we are, and do not forget to perform the obligation of <i>zakat</i>.</p>
27	Allah SWT declared in Surah Az-Zukhruf verses 12 to 14:



	<p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>وَالَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَزْوَاجَ كُلَّهَا وَجَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنَ الْفُلْكِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ مَا تَرْكَبُونَ ﴿١٣﴾  لِتَسْتَوُوا عَلَى ظُهُورِهِ ثُمَّ تَذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ رَبِّكُمْ إِذَا اسْتَوَيْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَتَقُولُوا سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي  سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾ وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ ﴿١٤﴾</p>
28	<p><b>Which means:</b> "In order that you may sit firm and square on their backs, and when so seated, you may celebrate the (kind) favour of your Lord, and say, "Glory to Him Who has subjected these to our (use), for we could never have accomplished this (by ourselves), "And to our Lord, surely, must we turn back!"</p>
29	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ  الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ وَاسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمَ لِي  وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَا فَوْزَ  الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.</p>