



1	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BUILDING A STRATEGY FOR CHANGE</b>  <b>IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAAL HIJRAH</b>  30 September 2016AD / 28 Zulhijjah 1437H</p>
2	<p>إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا  وَسَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا.</p>
3	<p>أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،</p>
4	<p>اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.</p>
5	<p>أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ  تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
6	<p>قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ ءَاوَأُوا وَنَصَرُوا أَوْلِيَّكَ هُمْ  الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٧٤﴾</p>
7	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b>  Conviction is having fear of Allah SWT, through remembrance and alertness, by protecting one's self against dishonour and sin. It also include efforts to build good and righteous behaviour. Therefore, strive to increase conviction by performing all that He has commanded and avoid all that He has prohibited, because conviction and faith is the true distinguisher of believers.</p>
8	<p>On this auspicious and blessed Friday, the <i>mimbar</i> shall discuss a sermon</p>



	entitled: " <b><i>Building a Strategy for Change</i></b> ".
9	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>The Hijrah calendar of the year fourteen thirty seven (1437) will soon come to an end. Certainly, there were many things, bitter or sweet, that we have been through this year. Therefore, let us reflect on whether the quality of our worship and faith in Allah SWT has increased or otherwise. When the months and years change, that means we age and grow older. With the increase in our age, it also indicates that we are nearer to death, an event which separates the mortal world from the eternal hereafter.</p>
10	<p>Remember the message of Sayyidina Ali R.A:</p> <p><i>"When you feel tired due to good acts, surely the exhaustion will disappear, while the good deed performed will remain. If you enjoy the pleasures of sin, then surely the pleasure will disappear, while the sin committed will stay."</i></p>
11	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>As the new Hijri year of fourteen thirty eight (1438) approaches, it allows Muslims to appreciate and reflect upon the best strategies of Prophet Muhammad SAW, in setting up a successful and strong Islamic government (or <i>Daulah Islamiyah</i>) in <i>Madinah Munawwarah</i>. The migration, or <i>Hijrah</i>, was not a coincidence, but was actually a true, unyielding and heroic struggle. In fact, the migration became the dividing line between truth and falsehood.</p>
12	<p>The migration initially looked as if it would produce weak people, but ultimately, it produced people who would later successfully establish a mighty government. The <i>Hijrah</i> also enabled the complete implementation of Islamic law, starting from the individual, moving to the family, the community, and later the country.</p>
13	<p>The migration of Rasulullah SAW to Madinah was not easy. Migration and change usually requires careful and detailed planning to meet the challenges of the future. Allah SWT has commanded us to be fully prepared to face any type of enemy, regardless of their strengths.</p>



14	<p>As stated by Allah SWT in Surah al Anfal verse 60:</p> <p>وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَمِنْ رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ تُرْهَبُونَ بِهِمْ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ وَآخَرِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ لَا نَعْلَمُونَهُمُ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُهُمْ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يُوَفَّ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾</p>
15	<p><b>Which means:</b> “Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into (the hearts of) the enemies, of Allah and your enemies, and others besides, whom you may not know, but whom Allah does know. Whatever you shall spend in the cause of Allah, shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly.”</p>
16	<p>The verse above commands Muslims to make long-term defence planning, to take into account the changes and developments that is happening and will happen in military and weapons technology. This is most appropriate in the current context, where we find Muslims facing threats not only in the military field, but also through other forms of threats such as culture, education and economy.</p>
17	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>Since the start of the migration journey from Makkah to Madinah, Rasulallah SAW was always convinced he was under the protection of Allah SWT. However, Rasulallah SAW still felt the need to plan and strategise the migration as best as possible. Among the important things displayed by Rasulallah SAW that saw the success of the migration include:</p>
18	<p><b>First: A detailed and rigorous planning</b></p> <p>Rasulallah SAW did not sleep in his room that night. Instead, the Prophet SAW ordered Sayyidina Ali ibn Abi Talib RA to lay in his bed, with the intention of misleading the enemy. He did not travel straight to Madinah, which was located to the North of Makkah. Instead, after departing Makkah, he headed south and stopped at <i>Thur</i> Cave for three days. Only when the Quraysh search party began to disband did he continue his journey to</p>



	Madinah.
19	<p><b><i>Second: Always obtain the latest information on enemy movement</i></b></p> <p>Abdullah bin Abu Bakar was commissioned to collect information in Makkah during the day, and to report to Rasulullah SAW by the evening at <i>Thur</i> Cave. Latest information is considered very valuable, to the point that it can be bought and sold at very high prices. Today, we witness increasingly sophisticated intelligence-gathering systems used to obtain information.</p>
20	<p><b><i>Third: Secrecy is part of planning</i></b></p> <p>Look at how no one, including his best friend Abu Bakr RA, knew of the plans to migrate right up to the time of implementation. Maintaining confidentiality in matters of importance and risk is needed in a well thought-out plan. Any leakage of important information to the enemy will result in the destruction of the entire plan.</p>
21	<p><b><i>Fourth: Fully utilize expertise</i></b></p> <p>An interesting point in the migration mission of the Prophet SAW was the employment of a pagan known as Abdullah bin Uraiqit as guide and navigator. This decision was made after Rasulullah SAW was fully satisfied that the non-Muslim would not betray him.</p>
22	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>From events that have occurred, it is clear that the migration of the Prophet SAW was not a mere series of events that occurred by chance. The migratory journey, with all the twists and obstacles, clearly contains wisdom in relation to the culture of planning. Any goal or ambition will not be achieved through prayers and fate alone, but must be done through careful planning.</p>
23	<p>Beware, O, Muslims! In this time full of challenges, we cannot be lazy and idle anymore. Use our wisdom and discretion in organizing our work. Indeed, the brilliance and excellence can only be achieved through a culture of diligent planning of work and thoughtful consideration.</p>
24	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p>



	<p>To conclude the sermon today, here are the lessons that can be drawn from it:</p> <p><b>First:</b> The migration, or <i>Hijrah</i>, was not a coincidence. It has revealed many secrets of a true, unyielding and heroic struggle.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Brilliance and excellence can only be achieved through a work culture that is diligent and considered thoughtfully.</p> <p><b>Third:</b> Distance ourselves from laziness and idleness. Take advantage of all the expertise and excel through healthy competition.</p>
25	<p>Allah SWT stated in Surah al-Anfal, verse 30:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">وَإِذْ يَمْكُرُ بِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُبْسُوكَ أَوْ يُقَتِّلُوكَ أَوْ يُخْرِجُوكَ وَيَمْكُرُونَ وَيَمْكُرُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَكْرِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾</p>
26	<p><b>Which means:</b> “Remember (O, Muhammad), how the Unbelievers plotted against you, to keep you in bonds, or slay you, or get you out (of your home). They plot and plan, and Allah too plans; but the best of planners is Allah.”</p>
27	<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 وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ .</p>