




1	 <p>THE LIBERATION OF MAKKAH: A MESSAGE OF PEACE FOR ALL TIME 7 October 2016AD / 6 Muharram 1438H</p>
2	إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، مُحَمَّدَهُ وَنَسْتَعِينَهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَسَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا.
3	أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ،
4	اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْدِّينِ.
5	أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.
6	قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُبِينًا ﴿١﴾ لِيُغْفِرَ لَكَ اللَّهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِكَ وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ وَيُتِمَّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكَ وَيَهْدِيكَ صِرَاطًا مُسْتَقِيمًا ﴿٢﴾ وَيَنْصُرَكَ اللَّهُ نَصْرًا عَزِيمًا ﴿٣﴾
7	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, On this blessed day, let us together increase our conviction in Allah SWT by performing all that He has commanded and avoiding all that He has prohibited. May we be rewarded in this world and in the Hereafter.
8	Security and prosperity is something very valuable in the life of every human being. Thus, Islam encourages peace throughout the world. Accordingly, the



	<i>khatib</i> today shall discuss a sermon entitled “The Liberation of Makkah: A Message of Peace for All Time” .
9	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Some time before the Treaty of <i>Hudaybiyah</i> was agreed and signed, Rasulullah SAW had a dream in which he and his Companions would enter the city of Makkah and the Grand Mosque, some of them with their heads shaved while some others had their hairs cut. The Prophet SAW said that his dream would come true. The news then spread rapidly among the population, including among the hypocrites, or the <i>Munafiq</i> , the Jews and the Christians.
10	After the Treaty of <i>Hudaybiyah</i> was signed and Muslims were barred from entering Makkah, the hypocrites mocked Rasulullah SAW with regards to the dream he had. They pointed out that Rasulullah SAW’s dream was a lie.
11	At this point, verse 27 of Surah al-Fath was revealed to Rasulullah SAW: <p style="text-align: center;">لَقَدْ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ رَسُولَهُ الرُّؤْيَا بِالْحَقِّ لَتَدْخُلَنَّ الْمَسْجِدَ الْحَرَامَ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ءَامِنِينَ مُحْلِقِينَ رُءُوسَكُمْ وَمُقَصِّرِينَ لَا تَخَافُونَ فَعَلِمَ مَا لَمْ تَعْلَمُوا فَجَعَلَ مِنْ دُونِ ذَلِكَ فَتْحًا قَرِيبًا ﴿٢٧﴾</p>
12	Which means: <i>“Truly did Allah fulfil the vision for His Messenger: you shall enter the Sacred Mosque, if Allah wills, with minds secure, heads shaved, hair cut short, and without fear. For He knew what you knew not, and He granted, besides this, a speedy victory.”</i>
13	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The conquest and liberation of Makkah was the pinnacle of victory for all Muslims. The event enabled Islam to cleanse all ignorance and idolatry that had encircled the Holy <i>Kaabah</i> for a long time. The Holy Land had reverted to its rightful state, by the cleansing of all things evil and illegal.
14	No record before of anywhere else in this world, that a great conquest of a



	city does not involve violence, cruelty, destruction or even bloodshed. What was even more amazing was that the citizens who were conquered did not at all show any opposition but instead, followed and obeyed the teachings of the conqueror. Based on the above, it was more a liberation of a city rather than a conquest.
15	It was a liberation meant to liberate mankind from the clutches of tyranny and wrongdoings. The poor, who were previously always restless, appeared with brightly shining faces. The women who were once uncovered and her dignity exposed, had her dignity restored, and of minds that were bound, they became sharp with thoughts.
16	<i>Fathu Makkah</i> is a strong evidence to silence the envious mouths of those who are against the religion, who continuously accuse Islam of being a religion of brutality, a religion that incites violence and encourages destruction. At the same time, it also clears the negative perception of some people who are still confused with the teachings of Islam.
17	Imam Abu Dawud RH, recorded this saying of Rasulullah SAW, which was narrated by Abbas RA: مَنْ دَخَلَ دَارَ أَبِي سُفْيَانَ فَهُوَ آمِنٌ، وَمَنْ أَغْلَقَ عَلَيْهِ دَارَهُ فَهُوَ آمِنٌ، وَمَنْ دَخَلَ الْمَسْجِدَ فَهُوَ آمِنٌ. (رواية أبي داود)
18	Which means: "Whoever enters the house of Abu Sufyan, shall be safe. Whoever locks his door, shall be safe. And those who enter the Holy Mosque shall be safe."
19	Islam is a religion that advocates peace in order to achieve prosperity, especially prosperity in the afterlife. Indeed, peace in the afterlife is a continuation of a prosperous life in this world. Someone whose beliefs, faith, and morality in this world are correct and true, will not be subjected to chaos in the Hereafter
20	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The arrival of Islam in Makkah also showcased the excellence of Islam in



	<p>uniting all races. Islam has never rejected any nation, race, tribe, or clan who wants to be together under its graces. Even warring factions can be united and learn to accept each other as brothers. These standards and values cannot be found in religions other than Islam.</p>
21	<p>From the efforts of Rasulullah SAW and his Companions in liberating and opening Makkah, we can take many lessons. Among them is the passion and persistence in carrying out missionary efforts. Words such as despair, surrender, admitting defeat and such, were never once expressed when shouldering the burden of spreading the message of Islam. Even when Rasulullah SAW and his Companions were further tested, they always had faith and complete reliance in Allah SWT. Patience was the key to their victory.</p>
22	<p>The Conquest and Liberation of Makkah by Muslims came to the attention of great powers of the world back then, such as Rome and Persia. More than that, it was viewed as a threat to both the empires. This was the ultimate victory of Allah SWT, not in terms of land size or landform, but in terms of truth and divine guidance that spread within the souls of men which in turn would distinguish all thoughts of wrongdoing. Their fears were justified as, a few years later, the Roman and Persian empires, which were for a long time the two greatest empires in the world, collapsed and fell at the hands of Muslims.</p>
23	<p>In matters of instructions and guidance to mankind, it is the right of Allah SWT. However, the task of implementing the approach, strategy, and organization in delivering propagation and teachings, is the responsibility of every Muslim. Thus, the establishment of Islam in Makkah was a major platform for the quick and efficient spread of Islam throughout the world.</p>
24	<p>Since then, after the haj season, throughout the year Muslims would perform the <i>Umrah</i>, and return to their respective countries to spread the teachings and the Islamic message of peace, continuously until the end of days. It is like water, flowing strong and free from the top of the hill. It will still flow, even if blocked.</p>



25	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>The world today witnesses mankind in turmoil, chaos, and unable to find solutions to achieve continuous and true peace. We, as Muslims, would definitely dream of Islam to again be victorious and regain its peak. We want Islam to spread throughout the world, to wherever human beings are.</p>
26	<p>We expect all of mankind to receive the mercy and love of Allah SWT. Events such as the Conquest and Liberation of Makkah, or <i>Fathu Makkah</i>, has provided enlightenment and motivation for us. Therefore, let us not delay any longer to be the agent in spreading the message of peace and prosperity to others around us.</p>
27	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>To end today's sermon, let us ponder on some takeaways from it:</p> <p>First: The Conquest and Liberation of Makkah is proof that Islam is a religion of mercy, peace, and prosperity for all people at all times.</p> <p>Second: <i>Fathu Makkah</i> exhibits the excellence of Islam in uniting all races regardless of nation, race, tribe, or clan.</p> <p>Third: Let us spread the message of peace and well-being of Islam by practicing the morals and life of real Muslims.</p>
28	<p>Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Nasr, verses 1 to 3:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ ﴿١﴾ وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا ﴿٢﴾ فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا ﴿٣﴾</p>
29	<p>Which means: “When comes the Help of Allah, and Victory, (when you, O’ Muhammad, successfully conquers Makkah). And you shall see the people enter Allah's Religion in crowds, celebrate the praises of your Lord, and pray</p>



	<p>for His Forgiveness: For He is Oft-Returning (in Grace and Mercy).”</p>
30	<p>بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَايَاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهُ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ. فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِيْنَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِيْنَ .</p>