

1	 <p style="text-align: center;">“TOGETHER IN PRESERVING OUR NATION’S PEACE” IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 210TH POLICE DAY, 2017 24 March 2017AD/ 25 Jamadilakhir 1438H</p>
2	<p>إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَسَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ 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 تَفْلِحُونَ.</p>
6	<p>قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ وَلَتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ</p> 
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, On this auspicious day, let us take the opportunity to enhance our conviction in Allah SWT. Let us strive to implement His orders and commandments while at the same time avoiding all that He has prohibited and forbade. May we be resurrected on the Day of Judgment as those who are faithful and devoted to Him.</p>
8	<p>On 25th of March each year, our nation celebrates <i>Police Day</i>, to commemorate the dedication and sacrifices made by members of the police force in maintaining peace and security.</p>
9	<p>Accordingly, the sermon today is entitled, "Together In Preserving Our</p>



	<i>Nation's Peace</i> ".
10	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Peace and security that exist in a country are priceless gifts and blessings from Allah SWT. It goes without saying that every country in the world dreams of a prosperous environment, structured administration, its citizens living in harmony, a well-developed economy, and neighbouring countries which share its ideas of peace and security.
11	It is appropriate that we should profess our gratitude to Allah SWT who has bestowed upon us many blessings, especially the blessings of peace and prosperity. Compared with some other countries, we cannot deny the fact that Malaysia is a country which Allah SWT has blessed with an environment that is stable, secure, and peaceful. It is not given to us for free. Allah SWT has determined that such favours would not be achieved if no individual or institution is willing to shoulder the responsibility of preserving and maintaining national harmony.
12	In the early days of Islam, Rasulullah SAW appointed <i>al-'āmil al-Suq</i> (Market Officer) or <i>Sahib al-Suq</i> (Market Supervisor) who were responsible in supervising and monitoring businesses as well as determining weights and measures in all transactions. Among them, he appointed Sa'id bin Sa'id bin al-'As to take care of businesses in Makkah, and Samra bint al-Shik Asadiyyah in Madinah. Such assignments and roles were known as <i>Hisbah</i> .
13	After the passing of Rasulullah SAW, the task to operate <i>Hisbah</i> were continued by the al-Rasyidin Caliphs and later on, other Muslim leaders. The role underwent changes and improvements over the years, based on the situation and surrounding factors. The jurisdiction of the <i>Hisbah</i> grew and expanded until a proper police force was formed to carry out such functions.
14	Muhammad bin Abdul Qadir al-Mubarak said that the <i>Hisbah</i> was a regulatory agency established by the government to monitor the activities of individuals in matters pertaining to moral, religious, economic and social life



	in general, with the aim of maintaining justice and dignity as laid down by Islamic law, matching the given environment and time.
15	Present day Islamic countries no longer uses the term <i>muhtasib</i> or <i>Hisbah</i> for an institution tasked to ensure people comply with rules and laws, but they use terms like <i>syurtah</i> or police. In our country, the concept of <i>Hisbah</i> is practiced by the government through the establishment of special institutions to protect and preserve the interests of the people. One of the agencies responsible for enforcing the laws and maintaining security in Malaysia is <i>Polis Di-Raja Malaysia</i> (PDRM). Therefore, the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM) has a very huge role to play in maintaining peace and security of the nation.
16	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The police force is basically the backbone of the community. They have been mandated to represent the government in the business of maintaining national harmony and maintaining social cohesion and patriotism. However, the obligation is not absolute on them alone. It should also be emulated by, and inspire, every member of the society to follow suit.
17	Accordingly, it is appropriate that we reflect upon the words of Allah SWT in Surah Ali 'Imran, verse 104, which was read at the beginning of this sermon, with the following meanings: <i>"Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong: They are the ones to attain felicity."</i>
18	According to Imam Ibn Kathir r.h., the intended meaning of this verse is: <i>"There shall be a group of people from the community to take charge of such matter, even though it is obligated upon each individual of the Ummah."</i>
19	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, As security personnel, the police are the focus of the society as well as the society's point of reference. Therefore, the image displayed should be in the



	shape of <i>qudwah</i> , or icons, who can be taken as a role model for the society. For example, a policeman should always be loyal and devoted to the nation. Those characteristics, if implemented by every member of the society, will also help to reduce the number of crimes committed in the country.
20	Apart from that, the nature and attitude that needs to be highlighted in the community is trustworthiness and integrity in carrying out assigned tasks. An image that exhibits honesty, sincerity, precision, courage, firmness and friendliness in carrying out such responsibilities will make the profession of a policeman to be held in high esteem by the society. Furthermore, we also expect the society to behave and emulate the characteristics of a policeman even though they are from different career fields.
21	Imam al-Bayhaqi in his book <i>al-Iman Shu'ab</i> , recorded a hadith which was narrated by Aishah RA, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said: <p style="text-align: center;">إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يُحِبُّ إِذَا عَمِلَ أَحَدُكُمْ عَمَلًا أَنْ يَتَّقِنَهُ</p> Which means: “Allah is pleased with the person who, when he performs a deed, he executes it with excellence.”
22	The fact is, being diligent in executing tasks is a must for each individual, especially for those who claim to be Muslims. It would be even more wonderful if the local icon who displays and inspires others with those noble characteristics happen to be someone from the police force.
23	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The challenges faced by PDRM and the security forces today, especially in dealing with issues of violence, are very different compared to previous years. In line with the progress of time, the country's enemies today are more intelligent, cunning and unpredictable. The security forces must be ready at all times and must always be one step ahead to face-off any possible danger, crime and violence.



24	<p>To realise the desire of seeing all Malaysians continuously safe and protected, any early preventive and defensive efforts would be welcomed. In recognising this, the responsibility does not rest with the police force alone, but also involves the participation of all citizens in various fields, especially education. As the saying goes, children are like clay, they may be moulded while still young and fresh.</p>
25	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Among the issues that has become apparent in our society lately is the lack of respect for duties performed by the police force as guardian of the nation's security. There are those who do not cooperate with the police when they are required to, to the point of deceiving the police by making false distress calls, disobeying the orders of officers in charge, cursing them, and offering bribes.</p>
26	<p>There are also those who knowingly make false statements and use police reports for personal gains, such as illegally raising funds, deceiving the public and others.</p>
27	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Today, we can see in some parts of world and in some other countries, uncertainty rules the day. But, thankfully, we can still live our lives well. Undeniably, efforts by our national security agencies in preparing themselves to deal with threats quickly and effectively have made this possible. In fact, they are willing to risk their lives simply because of their love for the country.</p>
28	<p>Therefore, it is our responsibility as citizens of this country to appreciate the sacrifices they have made for the sake of our beloved nation. Our cooperation is needed to expedite the tasks that they perform. Let us not be the one who disrupts our nation's harmony.</p>
29	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, To conclude the sermon today, the <i>khatib</i> would like to present the takeaways for us to reflect upon:</p>



	<p>First: The police force is the most important institution in ensuring harmony and prosperity of a nation.</p> <p>Second: Implementing what is right and forbidding evil (<i>amar makruf, nahi mungkar</i>) is one of the duties of the police force as a role model for the community.</p> <p>Third: The society should always support and cooperate with the police force in order to maintain national security.</p>
30	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Let us reflect upon the words of Allah SWT in Surah al-Haj, verse 41:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٤١﴾</p>
31	<p>Which means: “(They are) those who, if We establish them in the land, establish regular prayer and give regular charity, enjoin the right and forbid wrong: with Allah rests the end (and decision) of (all) affairs.”</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 وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُنَّ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>