

1	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PREVENT THE CANCER OF BULLYING</b> 13 October 2017AD / 22 Muharram 1439H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ، مُقَدِّرِ الْأَقْدَارِ، وَمُصَرِّفِ الْأُمُورِ عَلَى مَا يَشَاءُ وَيَخْتَارُ، وَمُكَوِّرِ اللَّيْلِ عَلَى النَّهَارِ وَجَعَلَهُ عِبْرَةً لِأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ.</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;">وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفَّارُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ الْمُصْطَفَى الْمُخْتَارُ،</p>
4	<p style="text-align: center;">صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمَ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ الْأَطْهَارِ، وَصَحْبِهِ الْأَبْرَارِ، وَالتَّابِعِينَ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ مَا تَعَاقَبَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ.</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;">قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ وَيَوْمَ يَعْصُ الظَّالِمُ عَلَى يَدَيْهِ يَقُولُ يَلَيْتَنِي أَخَذْتُ مَعَ الرَّسُولِ سَبِيلًا ﴿٢٧﴾ يَنْوَلَتْنِي لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَخَذْ فَلَانًا خَلِيلًا ﴿٢٨﴾ لَقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ الذِّكْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَنِي وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِلْإِنْسَانِ خَذُولًا ﴿٢٩﴾</p>
7	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Let us profess our conviction in Allah SWT by swiftly performing all His commands and avoiding all His prohibitions. Build up our faith and beautify it with conviction. May we be protected by Allah SWT from the torment and torture of Hell's incomprehensible agony.</p>



8	<b>"Prevent the Cancer of Bullying"</b> is the title of our sermon on this blessed day.
9	<b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Children are parents' hopes and dreams. They are sent to schools and hostels with the hope that they will give their fullest attention and become excellent students, while being moulded to have noble characters.
10	The parents hope their children would become those who not only excel in this world, but develop into righteous persons, who can in turn, offer prayers when their parents are no longer in this world.
11	However, life is not always beautiful, and the sky is not always bright. In reality, parents today have become more anxious about their children who are sent to hostels or schools.
12	It is most unfortunate that such anxiety continues even after the child has set foot in institutions of higher learning, such as colleges and universities.
13	<b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> It is really sad that lately we have been stunned by incidents of bullying at schools, including at institutions of higher learning. The occurrences don't stop at injury, but have sometimes led to murder and death.
14	What is most appalling is the fact that it happens among students of institutions of higher learning who have been instilled with a high level of discipline and self-esteem.
15	Their actions are unbelievable, with inhumane acts and torture being carried out.
16	According to the Ministry of Education, up until June 2017 alone, 872 bullying cases were recorded. In addition to that, 91 <i>'high risk'</i> schools and another 311 <i>'at risk'</i> schools were identified as having disciplinary problems by the Ministry of Education.
17	Nowadays, bullying does not occur in physical forms only, but can also occur in psychological forms. Mocking, humiliation and continuous insults



18	That causes the victim to feel depressed, under pressure and sad, are also forms of bullying. Indeed, Islam prohibits any form of bullying because it generates cruelty and oppression.
19	<p>In a hadith narrated by Abu Hurairah R.A and recorded by Imam Al-Bukhari Rahimahullah, Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>المُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ</b></p> <p><b>Which means:</b> <i>“The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the other Muslims are safe from.”</i></p>
20	Rasulullah SAW also reminded us that a true Muslim is not a rogue, a mocker, a belittler, a slanderer or the like.
21	<p>In a hadith recorded by Imam al-Tirmizi and narrated by Abdullah Bin Mas'ud RA, Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>لَيْسَ الْمُؤْمِنُ بِالطَّعَّانِ وَلَا اللَّعَّانِ وَلَا الْفَاحِشِ وَلَا الْبَذِيءِ</b></p> <p><b>Which means:</b> <i>“It is not a believer if a person loves to belittle, curse, speak of vulgarity, and use foul language.”</i></p>
22	<p>Islam is a religion which emphasises on peace. Let us look at and reflect together the advice of Allah SWT in Surah Al-Hujuraat verse 10:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾</b></p>
23	<b>Which means:</b> <i>“The Believers are but a single Brotherhood: So make peace and reconciliation between your two (contending) brothers; and fear Allah, that you may receive Mercy.”</i>
24	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>Islam also teaches its followers to always do good, and to respect other human beings. The Al-Quran provides the message of Allah SWT in surah al-Maidah, verse 11:</p>



	<p>يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ أَن يَبْسُطُوا إِلَيْكُمْ أَيْدِيَهُمْ فَكَفَّ أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَنْكُمْ ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١١﴾</p>
25	<p><b>Which means:</b> “O, you who believe! Call in remembrance the favour of Allah unto you when certain men formed the design to stretch out their hands against you, but (Allah) held back their hands from you: so fear Allah. And on Allah let believers put (all) their trust.”</p>
26	<p>This verse clearly indicates that the flawless creation and the endowment of our body and its parts by Allah SWT to us should be for the best possible purpose. Use it in the path of Allah SWT’s favour, rather than causing hurt and committing cruelty to fellow beings.</p>
27	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> At this moment, the Islamic world yearns for the strongest of youths who are infused with faith and strong self-esteem.</p>
28	<p>The Islamic world misses youths such as Abdullah Bin Ma'sud, Mus'ab bin Amir, Ammar Bin Yasir and Usamah Bin Zaid</p>
29	<p>Who were adolescents sent by Caliph Abu Bakr to fight the Byzantines, even though they were just 18 years old. At such a young age, together with their peers, they became powerful warriors.</p>
30	<p>The physical strength that they possessed were used on the most glorious path. They fought on the path of Allah SWT. They mutually respected each other instead of bullying each other.</p>
31	<p>Indeed, we must all realize that the future of our country is shaped by the youths and adolescents of today. Therefore, let us together be concerned</p>
32	<p>And take responsibility with regards to what is happening around us. Let us together prevent the bullying syndrome from continuing to ruin the souls of our children and our beloved generation.</p>
33	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p>



	<p>To end the sermon, let us close ranks to strengthen our solidarity, especially in the effort to curb bullying, by reflecting on the conclusions that can be gained from the sermon on this glorious day:</p> <p><b>First:</b> Islam is a religion that emphasizes on harmonious brotherly relationships, full of love and respect for each other.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> The act of bullying, in any form, is a despicable act and is despised by Allah SWT.</p> <p><b>Third:</b> All parties should cooperate and work together to eradicate the bullying syndrome from continuing to spread, for the sake of building excellent future generations.</p>
34	<p>As declared by Allah SWT in Surah Al-Qasas verse 50:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكَ فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّمَا يَتَّبِعُونَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنِ اتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ بِغَيْرِ هُدًى مِنَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾</p>
35	<p><b>Which means:</b> “But if they do not respond to you (O Muhammad) - then know that they only follow their [own] desires. And who is more astray than one who follows his desire without guidance from Allah? Indeed, Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people.”</p>
36	<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 مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>