

1	 <p style="text-align: center;">OUR NATION'S HARMONY A MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH MALAYSIA DAY 2017 CELEBRATIONS 15 September 2017AD / 24 Zulhijjah 1438H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">الْحَمْدُ 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: وَقِيلَ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا مَاذَا أَنْزَلَ رَبُّكُمْ قَالُوا خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَلِدَارٌ الْأَخْرَةِ خَيْرٌ وَلَنِعَمَ دَارُ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Let us together increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT and resolve to perform all that He has commanded and abandon all that He has prohibited us from doing. May we gain happiness in this world and in the hereafter.</p>
8	<p>On 16th of September 1963, Malaysia, an independent nation, was formed. The 16th of September has been celebrated and commemorated every year</p>

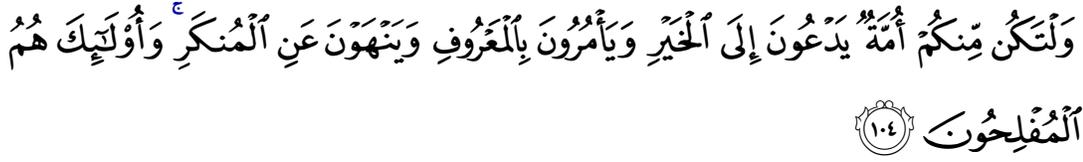
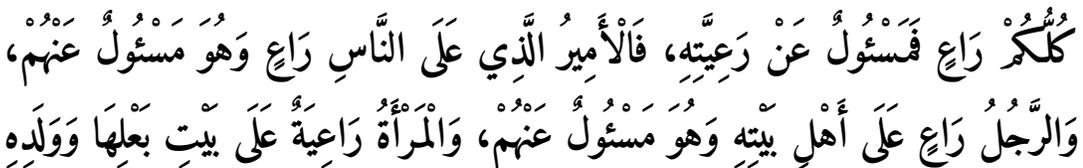


	in conjunction with that historic event. In connection with that, today's sermon shall discuss the topic, “Our Nation’s Harmony A Mutual Responsibility”
9	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Enjoying peace and harmony while living in our country is a great pleasure that should be cherished. The enjoyment of harmony and concord between leaders and citizens is a blessing that should be accompanied by feelings of gratitude.
10	This is because the essence of peace and harmony of a nation is a blessing bestowed by Allah SWT
11	As stated in Surah Saba ', verse 18: <p style="text-align: center;">وَجَعَلْنَا بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ الْقُرَىٰ الَّتِي بَارَكْنَا فِيهَا قُرَىٰ ظَاهِرَةً وَقَدَرْنَا فِيهَا السَّيْرَ سِيرًا فِيهَا لِيَالِي وَأَيَّامًا ءَامِنِينَ ﴿١٨﴾</p>
12	Which means: <i>“Between them and the Cities on which We had poured our blessings, We had placed Cities in prominent positions, and between them We had appointed stages of journey in due proportion: "Travel therein, secure, by night and by day."</i>
13	According to Sheikh Ahmad Mustafa al-Maraghi, based on this verse, there exist certain characteristics of a prosperous nation. Among them is a complete variety of facilities, especially transportation, which connects strategic towns and areas
14	To facilitate financial and daily living activities. In addition, there are other facilities, such as rest and recreational stops along the way.
15	<i>Alhamdulillah</i> , we have those facilities, and our country is indeed harmonious and prosperous. In fact, those facilities are being improved continuously, over time. In the public transport sector, for example,
16	Our country has launched the latest public facility, which is the MRT, in addition to other existing public transport facilities. This shows how serious



	our country is in providing convenience to its citizens. It is also evident that such innovations are part of religious obligations.
17	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, In savouring the blessings of peace, have we ever realised that such blessings are actually trusts and responsibilities from Allah SWT? They are not free of charge and they should not be wasted just like that,
18	As they are part of a bigger scheme of things. The trust needs to be well preserved so that it is long lasting and continuous. What is the point of a peaceful country
19	When the religious education of its citizens decline, good morals are no longer the priority of its people, and their children are left adrift because their minds are still colonised. Such issues are essentially
20	A time bomb of the existing peace and harmony. It can be destroyed at any time. It is akin to a great car, but with a driver who disobeys the laws of the road.
21	Neglecting this trust inflicts great damage, which Rasulullah SAW has warned about, as it is one of the signs that precedes the arrival of Judgement Day.
22	Imam al-Bukhari <i>Rahimahullah</i> recorded the hadith narrated by Abu Hurairah RA, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said: إِذَا ضُيِّعَتِ الْأَمَانَةُ، فَانْتَظِرِ السَّاعَةَ. قَالَ: كَيْفَ إِضَاعَتَهَا، يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: إِذَا أُسْنِدَ الْأَمْرُ إِلَى غَيْرِ أَهْلِهِ، فَانْتَظِرِ السَّاعَةَ.
23	Which means: "Whenever a trust is wasted, then prepare to face the Day of Judgement." A Companion asked, "How does one waste a trust?" He replied, "When an affair or task is entrusted not to its expert, then prepare to face the Day of Judgement"
24	Indeed, the greatest trust underlying the harmony and peace of a country is <i>al-Din</i> , which is the religion of its citizens.
25	This is the role of Muslims, whether they are leaders or citizens, to advise, criticise and reprimand each other.



26	In a garden, when a particular spot is free of weeds and pests, rightfully the flowering plants should blossom until it beautifies the space.
27	As stated by Allah SWT in Surah Ali 'Imran, verse 104: 
28	Which means: “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.”
29	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Achieving progress in all aspects of statehood is the aspiration and dream of every citizen. Therefore, all parties, whether leaders or ordinary citizens, should play their respective roles in developing the country.
30	It would be a waste if there are still citizens who are idle, inactive and make no effort to participate in the development of the country.
31	They place the responsibility solely and entirely on the shoulders of their leaders. What is more unfortunate is that there are still a handful of citizens who go against the accepted national development ideas, by committing crimes,
32	Nourishing immorality, triggering chaos, damaging properties, organizing violence, violating human rights and so on.
33	Remember, whoever we are, we have duties and responsibilities to fulfil. Each of us will be held accountable before Allah SWT.
34	Imam al-Bukhari <i>Rahimahullah</i> recorded a hadith narrated by 'Abdullah bin' Umar RA, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said: 



	<p>وَهِيَ مَسْئُولَةٌ عَنْهُمْ، وَالْعَبْدُ رَاعٍ عَلَى مَالِ سَيِّدِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْهُ، أَلَا فَكُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ.</p>
35	<p>Which means: "Every one of you is a leader, and is accountable for what he leads. A King (Head of State) with power over the people is their leader and he is accountable for them. A man is a leader of his family members and he is accountable for them.</p>
36	<p>A woman is the leader of her husband's house and her children and she is accountable for them. A servant (employee) is the leader of the property of his employer and he is accountable for it. Know that every one of you is a leader and every one of you is accountable for what he leads. "</p>
37	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Ending the sermon today, the <i>khatib</i> would like to present some conclusions from it, as reflection for all of us:</p> <p>First: National harmony is one of the most precious blessings from Allah SWT.</p> <p>Second: The task of nurturing and maintaining national peace and security is a trust from Allah SWT upon mankind.</p> <p>Third: All parties, whether leaders or citizens, should work together in maintaining national harmony.</p>
38	<p>As stated by Allah SWT in surah al-A'raf, verse 96:</p> <p>أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ ءَامَنُوا وَأَتَّقَوْا لَفَنَحْنَاهُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾</p>
39	<p>Which means: "If the people of the towns had but believed and feared Allah, We should indeed have opened out to them (All kinds of) blessings from</p>



	<p>heaven and earth; but they rejected (the truth), and We brought them to book for their misdeeds.”</p>
40	<p>بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُوا اللهُ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>