I call myself and my dear brothers, let us together strengthen our devotion to Allah SWT by doing all His commands and leave all His prohibitions. Hopefully, we will be blessed with happiness in this world and victory in the hereafter. Mimbar would like to invite everyone to appreciate today's sermon entitled 'MAQASID SYARIAH AS THE BASIS OF COMMUNITY WELL-BEING'.
FELLOW CONGREGANTS, MAY ALLAH'S BLESSING BE ON US,

Every creation of Allah SWT has its own wisdom and purpose. It is impossible for Allah SWT to make something without direction and purpose. As Muslims, we must believe that the creations are intended for the benefit and welfare of mankind. Therefore, Allah SWT through Surat al-Hashr, verse 18, commands its followers to always be conscious of doing the smallest thing up to the greatest things as proof of faith and piety to Allah SWT. Allah SWT says,

Meaning: “O believers! Remain conscious of Allah (by following His commandments and avoiding His prohibitions). And let every soul look to what it offers (from its deeds) for tomorrow (the Hereafter). And (once again, it is to be reminded): Remain conscious of Allah for He is All-Aware of what you do.”

We are clearly commanded to perform *tadabbur* and *tafakur* in order to see the wisdom behind the masterpiece of Allah's creation. In driving people to carry out this responsibility, Allah reveals His syaria known as *Maqasid Syaria*. *Maqasid Syaria* is the desired goal of Allah in any legal or large part of it. The importance of preserving *maqasid syaria* has been described clearly in the Quran as a custodian of human welfare by creating benefits to them and avoiding harms as Allah SWT says in Surah al-Baqarah, verse 185;

Meaning: “(With this decree), Allah desires your wellbeing, not your discomfort.”
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The ultimate goal of Islam is to organize human life on the basis of kindness (makruf) and forbid evil (mungkar). Makruf is good deeds according to Islamic law and bring the doer closer to Allah SWT. While mungkar is evil deeds according to Islamic law and keep the culprit away from Allah SWT. In principle, the implementation of the syaria and Islam teaching as a whole aims to save and preserve the welfare of human life and avoid any disadvantages. According to Islam, human welfare requirements are divided into three main stages; dharuriyyah, hajiyyah and tahsiniyyah.

Dharuriyyat are things included in the basic requirements to be met by each individual. They need to be met to establish the maslahah of religion and the world. If this maslahah is not fulfilled, the world will not be moving smoothly while the favor of the hereafter will be lost and unsafe. This maslahah involves the perseverance of the religion, self, life, lineage, intellect and property.

This is followed by hajiyyat which is the maslahah of the needs and wishes of human beings. It is to eliminate the difficulties and obstacles that can lead to hardship. If this maslahah is not met, troubles and hardships may follow. The last one is tahsiniyyat which is the maslahah of customs and aspects of moral perfection. If this maslahah is not met, then life will be seen as bad.

According to Imam as-Syatibi, dharuriyyah requirements are the beasic requirements for ensuring the safety and welfare of the people in the world and in the hereafter. If dharuriyyah requirements absent, then the system in the human life may damage and lead to destruction, whether at the individual or the state level.
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Starting with strengthening the national foundation by laying a strong base in Article 3 (1) of the Federal Constitution, namely as Islam as the religion of the Federation, efforts, achievements and plans were made to ensure that the practice of Islam in the country's administration is implemented comprehensively. Even today a wide range of recognition and success achieved attention in the international arena as evidence of success in managing the country by administrative means based on Islamic principles.

Now we are a pioneer and a hub to a number of aspects of Islam such as the management of halal products, Islamic financial hub, Hajj management, management of zakat, waqaf, Islamic tourism, education based on aqli and naqli, and many more. However, it is upsetting that there are few people who are prejudiced by questioning if the right to perform and be a pioneer of Islamic products will make Malaysia an Islamic state. Due to this, the leadership of the country has inspired an idea through the development of the Malaysian Syariah Index.

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Malaysian Syariah Index serves as a forum of reflection (muhasabah) to see what has been implemented by the government is aligned with the concept of syaria principles. In this context, what is most important is the seriousness of the government to continue to do islah (an attempt to restore a situation to one that is right, proper and in accordance with Islamic law) to see what other improvements
to propel Malaysia as a country that is implementing Islam comprehensively and systematic.

Mimbar believes, indexes implemented with full transparency and efficiency based on the concept of syariah principles will erode misconceptions, confusion and phobia against Islam. It also can prevent people from being influenced by the wrong teachings of Islam. After nearly six decades of independence as well as various efforts and strategies are made in practicing laws and morals of Islam in the administration of the country; in legal, politic, economic, social, culture, education, health, infrastructure and the environment, now it is time for us to reflect (*muhasabah*) by scientifically measure the principles according to maqasid syaria.

*Muhasabah* is not only for self-reflection but the most important is the improvement or Islah to rise as a pious Muslim. In a larger context, the method of being a citizen also requires reflection and improvement to make Malaysia peaceful, prosperous and blessed by Allah (*Baladatun Thoyyibatun wa Rabbun Ghaffur*).

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Alhamdulillah, mimbar believes the concept of syariah-based approach adopted by the government will eventually lead to the relationship of reciprocity between scholars, umara and people to become strong. Then the government will definitely getting stronger, hence the fate of the nation is taken care of, and the country will be prospered and peaceful. In fact, we can carry out the *amanah,*
formulate policies and programs that emphasize the security of the people and the country, whether in terms of faith, morals and sharia successfully.

In conjunction with the Prime Council of Ulama-Umara 2016 and the Presentation of the Malaysian Syariah Index 2015 at the Putrajaya International Convention Center (PICC), Putrajaya on March 28th, 2016, mimbar urges the congregation; let us together ensure the blessings of peace, prosperity and harmony in the country to be preserved in line with the principles of *maqasid syaria*. May we all find mercy in this world and in the hereafter. Ending this sermon, mimbar would like to invite all congregations to appreciate the essence of the sermon delivered, namely;

**First:** Let us always do *muhasabah* (reflect) above all the creation of Allah SWT that gives many advantages and benefits for mankind.

**Second:** *Maqasid syaria* as a guide to mankind to carry out the responsibilities entrusted by Allah SWT.

**Third:** *Muhasabah* and *Islah* will produce Muslims with strong faith and pious, and can contribute to national development.

 Meaning: “Indeed for the people of Sheba there was a sign of Allah’s generosity in their homeland: two (wide and luxuriant) gardens on the right and on the left (of their dwelling place). (And it was said to them): “Eat of what your Lord has given
you as sustenance and render thanks to Him. Pleasant is your land (peaceful and harmonious) and Forgiving is your Lord.” (Surah Saba’, verse 15)
الحمد لله ﻣﻌﻧدي وسبعاءة وستعمرة وثهمن به وتركت عنيه وعُود بانه من شرو زن.

أﻰ ﻣن سناي أعمان، هب ﻣنة أن مسقى له وسأقى أقاصي فلا نادي له.

أَ_perms* أن لا إلّة إلا اللّه وحده لا شريك لته، وأَшهد أن سيدنا ونبيا محمدا عبّدة

واسْمْهُ سيد الحلقين وراشد النور، النبى صل وسلام وبارك على سيدنا ونبيا محمدا

وعلى آلنه وصحبة أجمات.

أما بعد، فيا عباد اللط، أنفوا اللط وكُنوا مع الصادفين، واعفوا أن الله سمحانه.

وتعالى أمركم بأمرًا بدأ به نفسه ولاق بلال أكبّر المسبحة فوقه صدقًا.

قال الله تعالى مُحطبًا وآمنًا: ﴿إِنَّ أَلَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ علَى الْبَيْنِ يِتَابًا أَلَّهَيْنَ﴾ (سوره الحج: 67). النبى صل وسلام على سيدنا

محمدا وعلى آل سيدنا محمدا.

وارض الله عن الأشقاء الرسولين صادقين، نبيينا أبي بكر وعُمر وعطاء وعلي

فبن أبي طالب، وعن أزواجه نبئيتي المُطهرات من الأذناء وعن أهل بيته وقراطيه وعن

سائر المريخ الساخرين، وثوابكن وسأقى بحسان إلى يوم الدين، وارض علينا

برحمتك يا أرحم الرحمين.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. ﴿وَبِتَوْبَتِي ۚ إِنَّ الْوَلَّادِينَ مِنْ فِرْضٍ لَّنْ يُدْخِلَنَّهُمْ سَيْناً وَلَا مَيْءُوحًا إِنَّمَا يُدْخِلُهُمْ الْحَكَمُ فِي أَيْضَّاءٍ ﻹَيْدَٰٰٓا﴾ (النور: 11)

2. ﴿وَتَّوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ ﻟِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُواٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَسْتَغْفَرَ أَحَدٌ مِّنْهُمْ إِلَّا إِنْ تَوَافَرَ عَلَيْهِمْ عَذَابُ الْخَسِيَّةِ فَإِنَّهُمْ عَذَابُ الْعُدُمٍ﴾ (النور: 12)

3. ﴿وَإِذَا قَالُواٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَضْعَفَنَا فَأَطِمَّنَا مَعَهُ مَثَلًا مَّثَلَّ نَفْسٍ مِّنْهُ﴾ (الأعراف: 11)

4. ﴿وَيَا عِبَادِي ۚ كُلُواٰ مَا فِي الْقُلُوبِ مِنْ حَكِيمٍ﴾ (الإسراء: 27)

5. ﴿وَبِذَاتِ الْعَلَٰمَةِ نَزَّلَتِ الْيَمِينَ أَخْرَجَوْا مَعَهُ الْكَفُّارَ وَمَكَّنَّاهُمْ بِأَيْضَّاءٍ إِنَّمَا يَدْعُوُونَهُ مَعَهُ﴾ (المزمل: 6)

6. ﴿وَبَشَّرْتُكُمْ بِرَحْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَسَيْتُكُمْ مَنْ درَكَ رَحْمَتِ اللَّهِ وَسَيَدْعُكُمْ مَنْ خَشَى رُكُوبَ السَّمَاءِ إِنَّمَا يَدْعُوُونَهُ مَعَهُ﴾ (المزمل: 7)