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THE GENERAL
ELECTION'S OUTCOME
AFFECTS THE
NATION'S FUTURE
OUTLOOK



Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala with
absolute *taqwa*. Indeed, we truly
hope to become among righteous
believers and attain success in
this world and the Hereafter.

The topic of today's *khutbah* is
*“The General Election's
Outcome Affects The Nation's
Future Outlook.”*

The heat of the 13th General Election fever is almost here.

Those of us whom are registered voters must fulfill our duty by casting our votes in selecting our leaders in this election. As we know,

from now until the election results are announced, this election will be the talk of the town everywhere. The intensity of this election fever will be greatly felt, due to the various political issues

and topics constantly published
and propagated through the
electronic and printed media,
with some having gone
overboard in campaigning with
provocation, slander,

profanity, lewdness, and unethical behaviors.

Today I would like to remind everyone that the general election is not the platform or place for us to dig up faults, expose, disgrace, insult or

or belittle others. Instead, election is a medium for us to seek the security and well being of nationhood so that everyone can live in peace and comfort,

which translates into security and peaceful living. Such objective is attained by selecting leaders that are thoroughly qualified to lead the nation and safeguard the welfare of the masses.

Indeed, striving to establish wellness and security in the lives of all is a virtue greatly demanded in Islam.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And your Lord would not
have destroyed the cities
unjustly while their people
were reformers.”**

(Hood 11:117)

Today, with humility and humbleness, I remind all of us that engaging in politics is an obligation upon the Muslim *ummah*. Therefore, as Muslims, we are obligated to partake or at the very least

become registered voters with participation in forming the government. The involvement of the Muslim *ummah* in politics is necessary in the selection of a leader that is highly

qualified and responsible to his leadership. In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*, Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“Every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock...”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Look at the people in West Asia
whom at one point were not
really concerned with politics
but are now feeling its effects.
Unfortunately the status quo of
the political scenario has been
wrongfully

used as an alibi for the division within the *ummah*, whereas the very objective of politics is truly noble, because with political stability, its effect will trickle down in facilitating

and accommodating everyone in their lives. We must all be concerned, make *muhaasabah*, and contemplate upon the plausible outcome stemming from political instability.

Look at various nations that are currently facing critical political crises, plagued with turmoil, chaos, pillage, plundering, and even more tragic is murder and killing amongst those belonging to

the same religion and ethnicity.

Such calamity is indeed
saddening and furthermore
contradicts the *Sharee'ah*.

Therefore, though inflicted with
election fever, we must

always practice good morals
and remain within the limits so
that no one will overstep the
bounds in committing acts that
can lead to the division of the
ummah, causing hatred and
enmity amongst all.

In Islam, selecting and determining a leader is a grave matter that is *waajib*. This was manifested in Islamic history after the death of our beloved Prophet Muhammad *sallAllahu*

'alayhi wasallam, that a khaleefah was appointed as the leader to replace him sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, even before the funeral service was over.

The Companions were unanimous that it is *haraam* for the Muslims to live without a *khaleefah* or leader established.

In a *hadeeth* narrated by Abu
Sa'eed and Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu 'anhuma,
Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi*
wasallam said:

“If three persons set out on a journey, they should appoint one of them as their *ameer* (leader).”

(Abu Dawood: *hasan*)

This indicates the significance of appointing a leader to replace the previous leadership in administering Islamic affairs and that the fulfillment of its *maslahah* (public interest) is

waajib. It is for this reason that Islam place heavy emphasis regarding leadership at all levels of life. The question is how does one become a good leader?

We must realize that a good leader will have a great impact on the future of Islam, the people, and nation.

We must understand that the issue of leadership is greatly intertwined with good and bad deeds, where it will be fully held accountable and will not escape from the judgment of Allah on the

Day of Judgment. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:
**“Every soul, for what it has
earned, will be retained.”**
(al-Muddaththir 74:38)

As leaders, we must fulfill our duties with caution and care without any personal interest or others. If we fail to fulfill them with justice and prioritizing upon the welfare of the people, then

it is definitely a grave offense
that will be severely punished
by Allah in the Hereafter.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And We made them leaders
inviting to the Fire, and on
the Day of Resurrection they
will not be helped.”**

(al-Qasas 28:41)

It is evident to us that good leadership cannot just happen just like that. Due to this, al-Imaam al-Qurtoobi *rahimahullah* mentioned in his erudite work *al-Jaami' Li Ahkaam al-Qur'an*:

“For the Muslims, when choosing a leader, it must be from among those that are just, intelligent, trustworthy, having ihsaan, and honorable. Those that are faasiq (wicked) and zhaalim (oppressive) are unfit to be come leaders.”

From the *hadeeth* of Jaabir ibn
‘Abdillah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*,
Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* said to Ka‘b ibn
‘Ujrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*:

**“O Ka‘b Ibn ‘Ujrah, I seek
Allah’s protection for you
from the leadership of fools.
There shall be rulers, whoever
enters upon them, then aids
them in their oppression and
validates**

**their lies, then he is not from
me nor I from him, and he
shall not be admitted to the
Hawd. Whoever does not enter
upon them, and does not aid
them in their**

oppression, nor validates their lies, then he is from me and I from him, and he shall be admitted to the *Hawd*.”

(Ahmad, al-Bazzaar, ibn Hibbaan: *saheeh*)

The lesson and reflection to be derived from this *khutbah* is for us to choose leaders that truly fear Allah above everything. Because only leaders that are *muttaqoon* and fears Allah greatly

will be capable in executing the responsibilities as leaders that are honest, trustworthy, and just. Furthermore, it behoove us to emulate Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*

in all aspects of leadership. This
is because the leadership of
Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam* and his Companions
radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma'een
had always

provided “space” for the denizens of Madeenah to give advice and express constructive criticism, which should serve as a prime example for us living at the End of Time. Verily, our own

failure to “migrate” to the leadership of Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* has caused us to fail and lagged way behind as compared to others.

Therefore, let us make *du'a* so that the election process will be held smoothly without any riot, disturbance, and scuffle.

Hence, let us protect the safety and well being of this nation for it truly is a collective duty upon us all.

**“O you who have believed,
take not those who have taken
your religion in ridicule and
amusement among the ones
who were given the**

Scripture before you nor the disbelievers as allies. And fear Allah, if you should [truly] be believers.”

(al-Maa'idah 5:57)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
.إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,**

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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