

حرالته الرحمر الرحي I remind myself, first and foremost, and blessed audience to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by fulfilling all of

His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Verily, the noble ones in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala are those having utmost taqwa. Let us remain istigaamah by practicing the

Sharee'ah of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala and the sunnah of Rasulullah صلى الله By obeying Allah and His Messenger, insha Allah we will become blessed and pleasing to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala, hence attaining blessings in this world and nobility in the Hereafter. On a day that is full of blessings, let us internalize a khutbah entitled "His Majesty, the King: The Umbrella Of Islam."

The constitutional monarchy system recognizes the King as the head of state carrying the title Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, selected by the Conference of Rulers based

on a five year rotation. The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong (the King) is the head of Islamic affairs for the states of Penang, Malacca, Sabah, Sarawak, and the Federal Territories. While the Malay

Rulers and the Yang di-Pertuan Besar for nine states are mandated with authority to preserve the special privileges and customs of the Malays, and also the administration of Islamic

affairs in those states. Indeed, the role of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Conference of Rulers are very significant in safeguarding and ensuring that the religion of Islam is

truly internalized and practiced with perfection in this nation. This is in accordance with the Constitution and the social contract that was agreed between various ethnicities,

which was a binding agreement upon this very key issue. Verily, all ethnicities had a binding agreement to this very fundamental matter. There should no longer be any

dispute or controversy upon this matter. That is why it is stipulated in the Constitution that Islam is the official religion of the federation. The post-Merdeka generations must be

thoroughly educated and fully comprehend regarding this so that the nation will always remain peaceful, calm, harmonious, and stable.

As the head of Islamic affairs, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong plays a vital role in ensuring that Islam is protected and safeguarded from any element that would threaten its nobility.

This responsibility is shouldered by the institution of constitutional monarchy for they had sworn in as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong with an oath that includes wording as follows:

"Wallaahi, wabillaahi, watallaahi, with this pronouncement we pledge earnestly with loyalty in carrying out our role as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, as defined and if to be

determined in the future by the law and constitution of Malaysia."

With the pronouncement of such oath, it then becomes the sole responsibility of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to perform his very duties and responsibilities with honesty, trustworthiness, and justice.

Hence, it behooves the citizens to remain obedient to their leader so as to preserve security, ensuring harmony, and maintaining administrative stability for the nation's advancement.

Based on the pledge, it is evident that it aims to uphold magaasid ash-Sharee 'ah, namely the five elements: 1- Preserving the religion 2- Preserving life

- 3- Preserving the 'aql (intellect/mind)
- 4- Preserving lineage
- 5- Preserving wealth

Islam was revealed to mankind to uphold justice, honesty, transparency, sincerity, and the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. And for that, Allah Subhaanahu

Wata 'aala has sent down hundreds of thousands of prophets and messengers whom were entrusted to convey the risaalah and practicing upon its teachings, like how to implement the

concept of obeying the leader or ulil amr according to the Shara'. Obedience to the head of state that is always inviting to do good is waajib, in realizing the mission and vision of

achieving baldatun tayyibatun warabbun ghafoor (A good land and a forgiving Lord) [Sabaa' 34:15].

Al-Imaam as-Suyooti rahimahullaah mentioned in his book Kitaab al-Jaami' as-Sagheer that Anas bin Maalik radiy Allaahu 'anh narrated that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"When you pass a country without sultan then do not enter it as the sultan is the shadow of Allah, and authority, upon the earth."

(al-Bayhaqi: da 'eef with sound meaning)

This expression should be looked into within the context with the King being a secured shelter when His Majesty implements the justice of the Sharee 'ah. Verily, His Majesty is the

vicegerent or khaleefah on earth whose authority is attributed to the Sharee 'ah. The nobility of the King is evaluated according to the capability of carrying out divine responsibilities.

Such concept or title was also used by Muslim kings outside of the Malay world such as the 'Abbasid Caliphate. Moreover, this concept is mentioned in works regarding polity and

governance by erudite scholars such as Naseehat al-Muluk by Abu Zayd al-Balakhiy. In this regard, amongst the individual that is always mentioned as an excellent caliph,

always referred to as a head of state who is pious and fearful of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, but also successful in administering the nation with justice and peace according to the

Sharee 'ah, is none other than Caliph 'Umar bin 'Abdil 'Azeez rahimahullaah. He had once said:

"Verily, there will be no security for the one who violates the sunnah, and it is impermissible to submit and obey those inviting to the disobedience of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala."

Among the superior characteristics that Caliph 'Umar possessed were: 1. High level of taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. 2. Zuhd (ascetic)

- 3. Tawaddu (humility)
 - 4. Polite and forgiving
- 5. Patient and perseverance
 - 6. Just
 - 7. Resolute and wise
 - 8. Always supplicating

Possessing those ingredients of superior characteristics, he was granted help from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala and was successful in establishing the rule of a just and prosperous

nation.

During Caliph 'Umar ibn 'Abdil 'Azeez's reign, he had determined the criteria in selecting companions to aid him in perfecting his roles and responsibilities:

Whoever amongst you can be my companions for as long as you are able to fulfill these five conditions, namely:

1- One who will guide me in establishing justice.

- 2- One who will aid in doing good.
- 3- One who will mediate in conveying the wishes and needs of others to me.
- 4-One who will not backbite others in front of me.

5- One who will aid in conveying mandate to the people.

If you have chosen to accept these five conditions then become my close companions, otherwise it is

best for you to stay away from me."

Furthermore, he was blessed for the scholars during his reign were firm, sincere, and honest. They were always advising him and he was

always listening and adhering to their advice. For example, Hasan al-Basri rahimahullaah once advised the khaleefah by stating: "O Leader of the Faithful! If you remain istiqaamah,

firm upon the truthfulness of Islam, then they (the officers and citizens) will also remain istiqaamah. But if you deviate, they too will deviate."

These were the essential ingredients for his success when ruling and administering the government. So, it is evidently clear that to ensure that Islam is always at the

peak of nobility in this nation, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong truly plays a very important role. Therefore, it behoove the ministers, officers, and citizens to always render full

cooperation to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong while His Majesty administers Islamic affairs, so that it will be governed with full wisdom, organized, and benefitting everyone.

It was narrated that ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma said: Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "Two types of people from my Ummah, if they are good my people will be good,

and if they are bad my people will be bad. They are the leaders and the scholars."

(ad-Daylami: da 'eef with sound meaning)

So it is clear that the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and sultan are the umbrellas of Islam based on the institution having the Yang di-Pertuan Agong as the head of administering Islamic affairs.

Hence, the khateeb invites: 1- The Muslims must always provide full obedience to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and sultan in executing efforts to uphold the implementation of the Sharee 'ah.

- 2- The Muslims must always maintain cooperation, understanding, and unity in restoring the glory of Islam in this nation.
- 3- The Muslims must have certainty that the true

success in establishing Islamic sovereignty can only be attained when we have successfully integrated every living aspects and needs, and implement them according to the Sharee 'ah.

4- The Muslims must contribute their efforts, energy, and ideas to the best of their abilities, in achieving the noble aim of safeguarding and protecting the dignity of Islam.

5- The Muslim ummah must strive with diligence to uphold and elevate the excellence of Sharee 'ah criminal enactment in perfecting the efforts of restoring Islam to glory.

"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to

righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do."

(al-Maa'idah 5:8)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الْحَكِيْم وَتَقَبُّلَ مِنِّى وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِى هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأُمْوَاتُ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its

consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, as an

advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare.

Hence, we sincerely beseech you, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizq, enrich us with

beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that you are pleased with, protect us from disasters and your severe trials, so that our nation will become more peaceful and filled with blessings.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from deeds and 'ageedah that are astray such as the extreme Shee'is, **Qadiyani**, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their zakaat and loving the fugaraa' and masaakin, and those that have

made waqf and gave up their wealth for Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

O Allah, increase and widen the rizq of those that made waqf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.

