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### LAKAT AL-FINR

### PERFECTS THE **IBAADAH OF FASTING**

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I call upon my dearest audience to strive our utmost in increasing our tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with diligence, fulfilling all

**His Commands and** avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we become among successful individuals in this world and the Hereafter. On a blessed day and in this blessed month, I would like

#### to invite fellow audience to contemplate upon a *khutbah* entitled:

### "ZAKAAT AL-FITR PERFECTS THE IBAADAH OF FASTING"

The obligation of fulfilling zakaat al-fitr has many wisdoms and virtues promised to us by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Among them:

1. Zakaat al-fitr as the purification of our soul from the sins that we have committed and conceal our shortfalls throughout our fasting in Ramadaan.

Narrated ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma: The Messenger of Allah صلى الله ) enjoined zakaat alfitr as a purification for the fasting person from idle talk and obscenities,

and to feed the poor. Whoever pays it before the (*Eid*) prayer, it is an accepted zakaah, and whoever pays it after the prayer, it is (ordinary) charity" (Abu Dawood and ibn Maajah: hasan) 2. Zakaat al-fitr is obligated upon every **Muslim, irrespective of** age, gender, and financial background, in allowing the Muslims to share their rizq (sustenance) with the

less fortunate ones. It can be fulfilled in early Ramadaan, and must be completed before Salaat al-'Eidulfitr. Narrated **'Abdullah ibn 'Umar** radiyAllaahu 'anhuma:

صلى الله ) Allah's Messenger (عليه وسلم ) prescribed the payment of zakaat al-fitr of Ramadaan for people, one saa' of dried dates or one saa'of barley, upon every freeman, or slave,

### male and female among the Muslims"

(Muslim)

### 3. Zakaat al-fitr is a way designed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

unite the hearts of the **Muslims and nurture love** and togetherness, regardless of rank and status. The poor and needy, whom are zakaat recipients, will be filled with happiness in fulfilling the

*'ibaadah* of fasting and celebrating 'Eidulfitr. Furthermore, bringing joy amongst mankind is from among the deeds that are pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu* 'anhuma: Rasulullah مليه وسلم

said:

"The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial

to the people. The most beloved deed to Allah is to make a Muslim happy, or to remove one of his troubles, or to forgive his debt, or to feed his hunger..." (al-Asbahaani, ibn Abi ad-Dunya and at-Tabaraani: saheeh)

4. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has promised barakah (blessings), increased rizg, happiness, and tremendous rewards for His slaves that fulfills the zakaat obligation.

**Especially in fulfilling** zakaat and giving sadaqah (charity) in this noble month of Ramadaan. On the صلى الله contrary, the Prophet عليه وسلم had given stern warning to those that are miserly towards

others, as mentioned in the narration of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh where صلى الله Baid: عليه وسلم Rasulullah عليه وسلم "...Stinginess is far from Allah, far from Paradise, far from the people

### and close to the Fire..."

(at-Tirmidhi: da'eef)

For your kind information, the Selangor Fatwa Committee has determined that the amount

for zakaat al-fitr for 2016 is RM7 per person. Therefore, let us fulfill our zakaat al-fitr in fulfilling our obligation towards Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and towards mankind.

**Based on the reports for** the collection and disbursements of zakaat al-fitr in the state of Selangor for 2015, a total of RM21.5 million was **collected from the Muslims** that had fulfilled

their zakaat al-fitr in this state. Also in the same year, the Selangor Zakaat **Board disbursed an** amount of RM30.2 million to 44,293 recipients from among the poor and needy,

### for their preparation in celebrating Ramadaan and 'Eidulfitr. Hence, I would like to remind fellow congregation, that in this blessed month, let us hasten to fulfill our

obligation of zakaat al-fitr in reaping tremendous rewards from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Moreover, the poor and needy in this state will be able to enjoy zakaat received from those

that had fulfilled it much earlier so that they can celebrate 'Eidulfitr with happiness. Indeed, the joyfulness of the poor and needy are due to the affection manifested

through the 'ibaadah of zakaat that we had all fulfilled. In result, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala bestows mercy and blessings, as well as mutual love, in the hearts of every

**Muslim that manifests** ukhuwwah (brotherhood) and unity of the ummah, irrespective of rank and status amongst humans. **Therefore, the Muslims** are called upon to fulfill

their zakaat to the collectors appointed by the Selangor Zakaat Board, in upholding the maslahah (public interest) of the Muslims in Selangor.

## To end the *khutbah*, the Muslims must take the following measures:

1. The Muslims must fulfill zakaat al-fitr with full sincerity, purely for the sake

### of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa* Ta'aala.

### 2. The Muslims must perform the 'ibaadah of fasting and others with full devotion and perfection.

3. The Muslims should fulfill their zakaat al-fitr early so as to avoid any inconvenience upon the masses if they are fulfilled in the last moments.

"Take, [O, Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase, and invoke [Allah's blessings] upon them. Indeed, your invocations

### are reassurance for them. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing"

(at-Tawbah 9:103)



### THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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

extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude

### صلى الله for Rasulullah عليه وسلم was sent to perfect akhlaag and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds.

### In preparing for the celebration of 'Eidulfitr al-Mubaarak, I would like to wish everyone "Happy 'Eidulfitr" and please remain extra careful when driving to your kampong (hometown). Hence, it

### must be reminded that the rate of accidents reported nowadays is at a very worrying level. It continues to increase from year to year, based on the figures released by the Royal **Malaysian Police for the**

year 2010 until 2015. In 2015 alone, a total of 489,606 cases of road accidents had occurred with more than 6,000 fatal accidents causing almost 7,000 deaths among

motorists across Malaysia. On average, the total accidents have increased by 13,000 cases as compared to 2014, revealing a rate of more than 1,300 accident cases daily with nearly 20 fatalities daily

throughout 2015. Therefore, let us avoid ourselves from becoming involved in accidents and losses that are unexpected, so that we can together experience the blessings and joy

# of celebrating *'Eid* with all of our family members.

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