



## THE OBLIGATION OF CHOOSING THE ISLAMIC BANKING SYSTEM

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Let us strengthen our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala so that we can fulfill all of His Commands and avoid His prohibitions.

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It is hoped that with such taqwa, we will attain blissfulness in our lives in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us ponder upon today's *khutbah* titled :

## *"THE OBLIGATION OF CHOOSING THE ISLAMIC BANKING SYSTEM."*

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Managing our wealth is an amaanah (trust) that is truly significant in our lives. Failure in properly managing our wealth according to the guidance of the Sharee'ah will incur

severe consequences, whether in this world or the Hereafter.

Wealth management according to *Sharee'ah* guidelines is by ensuring that all transactions

pertaining to the wealth are done through lawful means. It is waajib (obligatory) upon us to ensure that all of our wealth is obtained through lawful sources and that they are utilized

## for *halaal* (permissible) matters only.

In the hadeeth of Mu'aadh radiyAllaahu صلى الله anh, the Prophet عليه وسلم said:

"The feet of a slave will not move on the Day of Judgment until he has been questioned about four things: his body how he used it, his life – how he spent it,

his wealth - where he earned it and how he spent it, and his knowledge - how he acted upon it." (at-Tirmidhi)

Unfortunately, there are still Muslims that do not care much with regard to how their wealth is earned, such as transactions that are based on ribaa (usury or interest). There are many

within our society that are still confused with the return earned from savings or transactions, whether it is deemed as ribaa or not, due to the lack of knowledge on

whether such savings or loan was obtained through the Islamic banking system or ribaa-based system.

Verily the Islamic banking system is a system that is ribaa-free, void of elements of gharaar (uncertainty), and without oppression. It is truly different from the conventional banking

system that is based on ribaa. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 275 of soorah al-Bagarah:

"Those who consume interest cannot stand [on the Day of Resurrection] except as one stands who is being beaten by Satan into insanity. That is because they say, "Trade is [just] like interest."

But Allah has permitted trade and has forbidden interest. So whoever has received an admonition from his Lord and desists may have what is past, and his affair rests with Allah. But whoever

returns to [dealing in interest or usury] those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide eternally therein."

In a hadeeth narrated by 'Abdullah bin 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah صلى الله Said: عليه وسلم

"When adultery and interest will become rife in a community then they have drawn the wrath of Allah." (al-Haakim) These two proofs have indicated that ribaa is prohibited by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, so whoever is involved with ribaa in any form of transaction will incur the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

It is *waajib* for all Muslims to opt and utilize the Islamic banking system for it has conditions that

## are to be fulfilled, namely:

1. The Islamic banking system was created based on a mu'ammalah (social dealings and relations) system that is built upon imaan (belief)

and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, as opposed to other banking systems that are based on profits alone, without adhering to the Sharee'ah;

2. The Islamic banking system greatly emphasize on the very concept of rewards and sins in all of its transactions, which differs from the conventional banking system;

3. The Islamic banking institution utilizes the principle of 'aqd (contract) that is clear such as sale-purchase and investment to earn profit, while other **banking** institutions

solely uses the loan concept that imposes *ribaa* to its customers purely to earn revenue.

Narrated 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu 'anh*:

"The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله) Cursed the عليه وسلم) one who accepted usury, the one who paid it, the witness to it, and the one who recorded it."

(Abu Dawood)

4. The profits earned by **Islamic banking** institutions are zakatable and it becomes waajib to have zakaat collected from them, and benefited by qualified recipients (asnaf). On the contrary,

profits from conventional banking institutions are not zakatable for it does not comply with the Sharee'ah.

To ensure that Islamic banking system will

always comply with the Sharee'ah requirements in its transactions, the **Central Bank of Malaysia** has stipulated that every bank must have a scope of work that includes four main functions, namely

Sharee'ah Research, Sharee'ah Review, Sharee'ah Risk Management, and Sharee'ah Audit. Islamic **banking institutions also** must have a minimum of five (5) Sharee'ah

**Committee Members** whom are independent and possess the necessary qualifications and expertise in the field of Sharee'ah and Islamic Finance, in advising and ensuring that the system

implemented complies with *Sharee'ah* principles.

Therefore, let us fully support the Islamic banking system and

ensure that our selves, our families, wealth, and finances are safe and attain the blessings from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

To end our *khutbah* today, the Muslims are advised to take guidance as in the following:

1. It is *waajib* for the Muslim *ummah* to have full certainty that the

command of Allah in avoiding *ribaa* is *waajib* to be adhered to;

2. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize the Islamic banking system as an

obligation in matters pertaining to mu'ammalah, and not as an option; and

3. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that all of

its revenues and expenditures are in compliance with the principles of Sharee'ah.

"O you who have believed, do not consume usury, doubled and multiplied, but fear Allah that you may be successful." (Aal-'Imraan 3:130)





**Once again, I would like to** remind all of us to always have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and



deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude or Rasulullah صلى الله was sent to عليه وسلم perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us



always increase our salawaat and salaam upon our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله Allah عليه وسلم Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala **mentions:** 



"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



**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, as an advanced state,



## prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.



Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our



hearts, bestow upon us rizg with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as Qadiyaani, deviant teachings such as



Shee'ah, and other teachings deemed as deviating from **Islamic teachings or** contradicting the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah. 0 Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily



prayers, fulfilling zakaat through the Selangor Zakaat Board, making waqf and infaaq of our wealth to Selangor Waqf **Corporation and Islamic Development Trust Fund of** Selangor.

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