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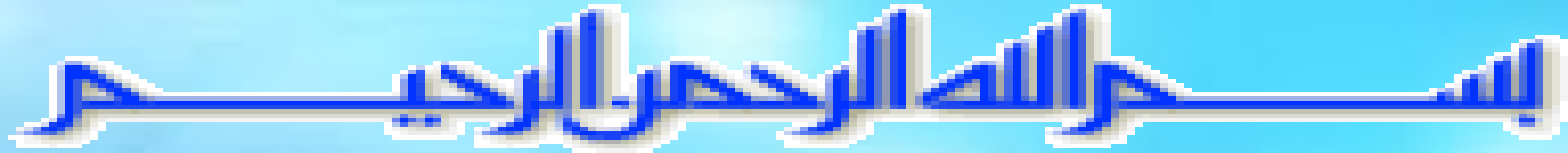
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THE OBLIGATION OF FULFILLING ZAKAAT AL-FITR



JOM BAYAR
ZAKAT
IKUT HARGA BERAS
TAKA AL-FITR



**Let us altogether strive
to increase our *taqwa*
of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling
all of His Commands
and avoiding all of His**

prohibitions. May Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
bless our lives in this
world and the Hereafter.

In conjunction with this noble day, let us ponder upon a *khutbah* titled

“THE OBLIGATION OF FULFILLING ZAKAAT AL-FITR.”



**ZAKAT AL-FITR
IKUT HARGA BERAS
YANG DIMAKAN**

Fulfilling the *zakaat* is from among the pillars of Islam, where it is a religious obligation and a social responsibility. The *zakaat* that is *waajib* (obligatory) to be fulfilled has two types, namely

zakaat al-fitr and *zakaat*
of wealth. Both have
profound effects in
building *akhlaaq* upon
mankind. Despite the
small amount that is to be
fulfilled for *zakaat al-fitr*,
it truly carries a deep

meaning behind such
righteous deed.

Referring to *zakaat al-fitr*,
it is an obligation that is to
be fulfilled by every
Muslim individual by
giving away staple food

at a measurement of a
ratl Baghdadi (*sa*),
which is equivalent to
2.7 kilogram or RM7, as
determined by the
Selangor Fatwa
Committee.

Based on the decision by the Selangor Fatwa Committee, the Muslims are highly recommended to fulfill their *zakaat al-fitr* according to the price of rice that is typically consumed by individuals

and families. For example, if one is accustomed to the Imported White Rice or Brown Rice for daily consumption, then it is recommended to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* according to the price value of that

rice, which is RM14 per person. Similarly if one consumes Basmathi Rice for himself or his family, then it is recommended to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* according to the price value of that rice, which

is RM21 per person.

The recommendation in fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr* according to the price of rice consumed is based on the narration of Rasulullah ﷺ, on the

**authority of Abu Sa‘eed
al-Khudri *radhiyAllaahu*
*‘anh:***

***“In the lifetime of Allah’s
Messenger (صلى الله
عليه وسلم), we
used to give one Sa‘of
food (edible things) as***

sadaqat al-fitr (to the poor). Our food used to be either of barley, raisins (dried grapes), cottage cheese or dates.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Zakaat also has a higher objective with respect to human lives, whether as individuals or as a society, because with the fulfillment of *zakaat*, the hearts,

souls, and society will
become pure and
cleansed. Allah
*Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* mentions in
verse 103 of soorah
at-Tawbah:

“Take, [O, Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase...”

Furthermore, let us
comprehend the
hadeeth of ibn ‘Abbaas
radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma:

*“The Messenger of
Allah (صلى الله
عليه وسلم) enjoined*

zakaat al-fitr on the one who fasts to purify him from any indecent act or speech and for the purpose of providing food for the needy. It is accepted as zakaah for

***the person who pays it
before the 'Eid prayer
and it is sadaqah
(voluntary charity) for
the person who pays it
after the 'Eid prayer.'"***

(Abu Dawood)

This *hadeeth* explains to us that if *zakaat al-fitr* is fulfilled after *salaat al-‘Eid*, then it is not considered as *zakaat al-fitr* but as regular charity (*sadaqah*) instead.

Moreover, al-Imaam ash-Shaafi'i *rahimahullaah* mentioned:

“Prioritize in fulfilling zakaat al-fitr from the beginning of the month of Ramadaan.”

Alhamdulillah, the awareness amongst the Muslims in fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr* nowadays is something to be proud of. For my respected audience's information, based on the *zakaat al-fitr*

**distribution report in
Selangor for 2018, a total
of RM35.08 million has
been distributed to
50,023 recipients from
among the poor and
needy in this state, for
their preparation in**

celebrating Ramadaan
and *'Eidulfitr.*

Verily, those who have
fulfilled their *zakaat*
obligation have clearly
manifested their
gratefulness upon the

**bounties and provisions
bestowed by Allah**

***Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*
upon them.**

**Through the fulfillment of
zakaat, Islam is able to
create the best social**

**system where mutual
aiding between the
wealthy and the poor can
be realized.**

**From among the
wisdom of *zakaat al-fitr*.**

1. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* promises *barakah* (blessings), increase in *rizq* (provision), and a plethora of rewards for those that fulfill *zakaat al-fitr*.

2. Fulfilling *zakaat* can eradicate arrogance, stinginess, and selfishness. Whilst miserliness is greatly abhorred by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah

radiyAllaahu ‘anh, where
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“...Stinginess is far from
Allah, far from Paradise,
far from the people and
close to the Fire...”***

(at-Tirmidhi)

3. *Zakaat al-fitr* that is fulfilled can bring joy especially happiness in celebrating '*Eid* and eliminate distress upon the *fuqaraa*' (poor) and *masaakeen* (needy).

This is based on
another *hadeeth* of
Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu 'anh
where Rasulullah صلى الله
عليه وسلم
said:

“Whoever is easy with one who is in difficulty, Allah will be easy with him in this world and in the Hereafter.”

(ibn Maajah)

As a reminder for all of us, in addition to *zakaat al-fitr*, let us not forget to fulfill our *zakaat* of wealth when the conditions are met. Let us take this very opportunity that Allah has blessed us with in this

noble month to reap all
of the rewards that are
greatly multiplied by
fulfilling the obligation
of *zakaat* upon our
income, savings, gold,
commerce, agricultural

produce, and others. It is truly hoped that with those righteous deeds, Allah will increase *rizq* and *barakah* in our lives.

In ending the *khutbah* on a day that is full of *barakah*, let us take beneficial lessons as in the following:

1. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that all of the commands from Allah are *waajib* to be fulfilled, including *zakaat*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* is advised to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* during early Ramadaan so that it can be benefited by its recipients while fasting and on *'Eidulfitr*.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill the *zakaat* of wealth when its conditions have been fulfilled.

4. The Muslim *ummah* should increase in giving charity and *zakaat* in the noble month of Ramadaan, for there are tremendous virtues and rewards that awaits in the Hereafter.

“Certainly will the believers have succeeded: They who are during their prayer humbly submissive. And they who turn away from ill speech. And they who are observant of zakaah.”

(al-Mu’minoan 23:1-4)



THE SECOND KHUTBAH



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 for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to 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
عليه وسلم . Allah
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 *rizq* 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*. O 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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