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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. With true *taqwa*, may Allah bestow upon us blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

The title of the *khutbah* today is **"THE SULTAN DECREES, IN THE INTEREST OF THE UMMAH."**

Alhamdulillah, we are truly grateful to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for today the residents of the state of Selangor are celebrating His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor's 75th Birthday. We beseech Allah to prolong the life

¹ an-Nisaa' 4:58.

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102.



of His Majesty with sound health and security, *imaan* (faith) and obedience, ruling the state with justice and fairness, as well as protection from disasters and calamities.

In Islam, the just leader will be rewarded and privileged by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, in which they will be among those bestowed with the protection of Allah in the Hereafter, as in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh* where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

سَبْعَةٌ يُظِلُّهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي ظِلِّهِ يَوْمَ لَا ظِلَّ إِلَّا ظِلُّهُ: إِمَامٌ عَادِلٌ

“Seven (people) will be shaded by Allah by His Shade on the Day of Resurrection when there will be no shade except His Shade. (They will be), a just ruler...”

(al-Bukhaari)

Being a just leader is an obligation upon all leaders. Imaam al-Hasan al-Basri once advised Caliph 'Umar bin 'Abdul 'Azeez through his words, *“a just leader is no different than a mother who truly loves her child, whom she had conceived and gave birth with great pain, educated her child from infancy, with sleepless nights while caring for the child, she feels tranquil when the child is calmed, she would breastfeed the child and then carry him, she is at ease when the child is healthy and she is saddened when the child is unwell.”*

Dear beloved audience,

Indeed, the Federal Constitution and the Laws of the Constitution of Selangor have stipulated that it is the responsibility of His Royal Highness the Sultan to rule the state and preserve Islam as the official religion of the state. As the Sultan, definitely this duty is an enormous task in ensuring that the state, its residents, and the religion of Islam remain prosperous, advancing, and safeguarded. All responsibilities entrusted will be questioned



by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* on the Day of Judgment, as it was reminded in the narration of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh* where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَائِلٌ كُلَّ رَاعٍ عَمَّا اسْتَرْعَاهُ، أَحْفِظَ ذَلِكَ أَمْ
ضَيَّعَ؟ حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ الرَّجُلُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ

"Indeed Allah will question every shepherd [leader] regarding what they are entrusted with, whether it was fulfilled or neglected? Even a man will be questioned about his household."

(an-Nasaa'i)

Beloved audience,

His Royal Highness the Sultan plays a vital role as the protector of the people, whom are multiracial and multifaith. Even though Islam is the official state religion, the constitution allows for other religions to be practiced by its adherents with peacefulness. It is in this regard that His Royal Highness the Sultan serve as the protector of the people. It is His Majesty that is responsible in ensuring that His subjects live in harmony and mutually respectful of one another.

His Royal Highness the Sultan also plays a significant role in unifying the minds of the people. It is in this regard that the Sultan's sovereignty serves as the essence of the government. For example, in the current Covid-19 outbreak, His Majesty has consistently emphasized that all parties must remain vigilant, disciplined, and strictly adhering to the SOP in managing and breaking the chain of this outbreak. Moreover, the public interest where many are afflicted with great difficulties due to Covid-19 is to be given greater priority over certain political interests. This truly indicate that the Sultan has a



great role in ensuring that the people's health and political stability comes first.

Dear respected audience,

Verily, the role and contribution of His Royal Highness the Sultan as the Head of Islamic affairs is truly undeniable in preserving the sanctity and spread of Islam. Whatever issues and problems that can threaten Islam and causing anxiety amongst Muslims such as deviant sects will be emphasized in His Majesty's decree. His Highness wants for teachings that are deviating, such as liberalism, to be addressed immediately so that they will not be imitated for it will corrupt the 'aqeedah of the Muslims. His Highness also urged the Muslims to remain *istiqamah* (steadfast) in clinging upon the authentic 'aqeedah of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. His Majesty wants more scholarly explanation to take place with regard to this creed, through studying the classical works in the 'aqeedah of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* by certified preachers (*du'aat*).

Beloved audience,

His Royal Highness the Sultan is the *Ulil Amri* or Ruler that is *waajib* (obligatory) to be obeyed. His decrees are very clear in inviting towards good and the general benefit (*maslahah*) of the Muslim *ummah*. As subjects, we must uphold and embrace the order and advice of His Majesty, as well as manifesting undivided obedience. In Islam, obeying the ruler tantamount to obeying Allah and His Messenger, while defying the ruler is equal to disobeying Allah and His Messenger.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, the Prophet ﷺ stated:



“Whoever obeys me, obeys Allah, and whoever disobeys me, disobeys Allah, and whoever obeys the ruler I appoint, obeys me, and whoever disobeys him, disobeys me.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

For as long as the leader or ruler obeys Allah, then it is *waajib* upon us as the subjects to obey him.

Respected audience,

To end the *khutbah* this time, let us altogether take lessons from the following recommendations:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the authority conferred upon His Royal Highness the Sultan is an *amaanah* (trust) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is to be carried out in the best manner.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain cognizant that disobeying the Sultan's decree that does not contradict the *Sharee'ah* will only invite harm and destruction.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that all decrees from the Sultan, whom is the Head of Islamic affairs, are for the sake of the *maslahah* of the *ummah* that are *waajib* to be obeyed.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ
مِنْكُمْ فَإِن تَنَزَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِن كُنتُمْ
تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ﴿٥٩﴾



“O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.”

(an-Nisaa' 4:59)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

THE SECOND KHUTBAH



الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Respected audience,

Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic *'aqeedah* that is certain and solidified. Let us unite upon any situations, firmly united facing any circumstances and enemy's threat, whether hidden or apparent. The unity of the Muslim *ummah* is the foundational strength towards the nurturing of *Khayra Ummah* (the best nation). Muslims are entitled to have differing views, what more in worldly matters, but the Muslim *ummah* must continue to unite in *fikrah* (thoughts) and understanding according to the guidelines of the *kalimah* (phrase) لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ, affirmative principles within al-Qur'an and *al-Hadeeth*, as well as sound Islamic brotherhood principles.

In our effort to break the chain of Covid-19, it necessitate every Masjid attendees to remain disciplined and that it is *wajib* (obligatory) to abide by the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that has been outlined by JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department), specifically in performing the *wudoo'* (ablution) at home, bringing one's own prayer mat, wearing the face mask while at the Masjid and *Surau*, and practicing social distancing. Those that are unhealthy or unwell are prohibited from performing *salaah* in the Masjid and *Surau*.



اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَّالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظَفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19.



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ
النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.