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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.

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Alhamdulillaah, 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 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 radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah said:

"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 adviced 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."

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 said:

"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)

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.

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 istigaamah (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 'ageedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah by certified preachers (du'aat).

His Royal Highness the Sultan is the Ulil Amrior **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 *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, the Prophet 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.

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.

"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)



Let us unite upon the basis of authentic Islamic 'ageedah 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 إله إلا الله, 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 waajib (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.

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.

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