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

**avoiding all of His
prohibitions. May we
all attain success in
this world and the
Hereafter.**

The title of our *khutbah* today is ...

ZAKAAT AL-FITR COMPLEMENTS THE FASTING



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In Islam, the *'ibaadah* (worship) of *zakaat al-fitr* has several elements that are closely intertwined with the *'ibaadah* of fasting. First, *zakaat al-fitr* was legislated during the second of year of

Hijrah, along with the obligation of fasting.

Second, *zakaat al-fitr* is also comprised of two pillars, similar with the obligatory fasting which has two pillars.

Third, *zakaat al-fitr* is intended to lighten the burden of the poor, while fasting also teaches us to empathize with the hunger that is often endured by the poor.

**Ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu*
‘anhuma stated that:**

**“*The Messenger of*
Allah (ﷺ) *enjoined*
zakaat al-fitr as a
*purification for***

***the fasting person
from idle talk and
obscenities, and to
feed the poor.”***

(Abu Dawood and ibn Maajah)

Then the question arises, for those of us fasting today, how far have we gone in experiencing the relationship between fasting and *zakaat al-fitr*?

The *zakaat al-fitr* that we had fulfilled, has it become just a regular routine purely for the sake of fulfilling an obligation?

As it was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 183 of soorah al-Baqarah that the objective of the legislation of fasting is *taqwa* (piety), hence it is perfected by the

'ibaadah of *zakaat al-fitr* towards its end. Like the cross country runner, towards the end, he or she must overcome the obstacles to cross the finish line, reaching and cutting off the ribbon string.

If fasting is likened to running the marathon, then *zakaat al-fitr* would be the ribbon string. By fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr*, our fasting package is then perfected. Our efforts in attaining *taqwa* has

been completed,
thereupon becoming 'a
new person in terms of
imaan (faith) and *akhlaaq*
(character)' after having
completed the *madrasah*
of Ramadaan. Therefore,
we are fully deserving

of extraordinary rewards
for such victory.

In the *hadeeth* of ‘Ali bin
Abi Taalib *radiyAllaahu*
‘anh, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“Indeed in Paradise there are chambers whose outside can be seen from their inside, and their inside can be seen from their outside.” A Bedouin stood and said: “Who are they for O Prophet

of Allah?” He said: “For those who speak well, feed others [including zakaat al-fitr], fast regularly, and perform salaah for Allah during the night while the people sleep.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

**This *hadeeth* clearly
indicate to us that
indeed Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
has prepared special
rewards specifically for
those that have fulfilled**

the obligation of
zakaat al-fitr, along
with fasting. Such is
how *zakaat al-fitr*
perfects our fasting.

In reality, majority of the world's problems today stems from the evil of the tongue and bad *akhlaaq* such as stinginess, greed, and covetousness.

Through fasting, in reality we had forced

**ourselves to taste the
very bit of difficulties
endured by the poor and
needy. Just imagine, for
13 hours our intestines
are left empty that we
began to starve and
fatigue.**

This practical exercise is to be concluded with one noble act, which is mutual sharing of *rizq* (provision) by giving *sadaqah* (charity) and performing *zakaat al-fitr*.

What does it all really mean if after enduring the sufferings of the poor by staying hungry, yet one is still shrouded with stinginess, unwilling to share *rizq* with them?

Therefore, *zakaat al-fitr*

comes as a limiter. Have we been able to tame the greed within ourselves and subduing stinginess, or are we just like “*enau (sugar palm) in the bushes,*

*only releasing its own
shoots?”*

**(meaning: being selfish
and unconcerned about
others).**

Up until 31st December 2020, it was recorded that over 60 thousand poor families are officially registered with the Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS). That is no small amount, for if it is

further broken down into individuals, in reality it is over 350 thousand people. Hence, the Selangor Zakaat Board would always strive, year after year, in ensuring that all of them would

receive adequate assistance to celebrate *'Eid al-Fitr* with adequacy. For the year 2020, over RM27 million were distributed before *'Eid al-Fitr*. The Selangor Zakaat Board also ensures

that every individual or poor family will receive the *'Eid* aid with a minimum of RM300 and this amount will be increased according to the number of dependents up until

**the maximum allocation
of RM1,000 per family.**

**On that basis, the
Selangor Zakaat Board
remains tireless in calling
upon the Muslims in this**

state to utilize *zakaat al-fitr* as a plantation for harvesting rewards. Moreover, if in the past *zakaat al-fitr* was determined at only RM7.00, now the Selangor Zakaat Board

is encouraging the Muslims to select *zakaat al-fitr* rate that is more suitable to one's lifestyle. Whether RM14.00 or RM21.00 per person, it is according to the type of rice that one typically

consumes daily. Yes, if we can afford to eat delicious food and expensive rice, then it is only right that we opt for a *zakaat al-fitr* rate that is suitable to our capability. This is in accordance with what

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ suggested.

‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar
radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma
narrated:

“The Prophet (ﷺ) ordered (Muslims) to give one sa‘ of dates or one sa‘ of barley as zakaat al-fitr. The people rewarded two mudds of wheat as equal to that.”

(al-Bukhaari)

This is what has been enjoined by Islam, which is striving for the best when performing righteous deeds, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 148 of soorah al-Baqarah:

فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ

***“So race to [all that
is] good...”***

**Truthfully, the
Selangor Zakaat
Board has prepared
various avenues for
zakaat payment,
whether via online,**

salary deduction, credit card, ATM, authorized zakaat agents, and others. Let us ensure that we fulfill our zakaat through the proper channel and to certified *'aamil* (zakaat collectors),

in ensuring that our zakaat is valid and actually reaches eligible recipients (*asnaf*). This is in line with what has been decreed by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor and the

decision of the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee, that zakaat must be channelled to the Selangor Zakaat Board as the certified entity in administering zakaat affairs in this state.

To end the *khutbah* (sermon) this time, the following are several matters that can be taken as guidance:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must truly comprehend that *zakaat al-fitr* is an *'ibaadah* with enormous virtues along with the *'ibaadah* of fasting, in developing *taqwa*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr* according to its capability by selecting from the various rates that have been determined.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* and zakaat of wealth through the Selangor Zakaat Board so that the zakaat can be disbursed thoroughly to all deserving *asnaf*.


“And the example of those who spend their wealth seeking means to the approval of Allah and assuring [reward for] themselves is like a garden on high ground which is hit by a

downpour - so it yields its fruits in double. And [even] if it is not hit by a downpour, then a drizzle [is sufficient]. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing.”

(Soorah al-Baqarah 2:265)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**




Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by guarding ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against




Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.


**At the same time, we will
continue to pray so that our
country will always remain
blessed and protected from all
forms of threat, as well as
contagions from the Covid-19**




pandemic. For that, let us graciously accept the government's recommendation in the vaccination efforts by registering ourselves through the *MySejahtera* application in order to obtain vaccine shots



**that have been authorized by
the Ministry of Health Malaysia.
We should not feel angry or
doubtful when given the shots
while fasting in Ramadaan for
it will not invalidate the fast.
Such matter had been**




meticulously scrutinized and discussed in details, where its ruling of permissibility was reached during the 118th *Muzakarah* Committee Meeting of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI) that



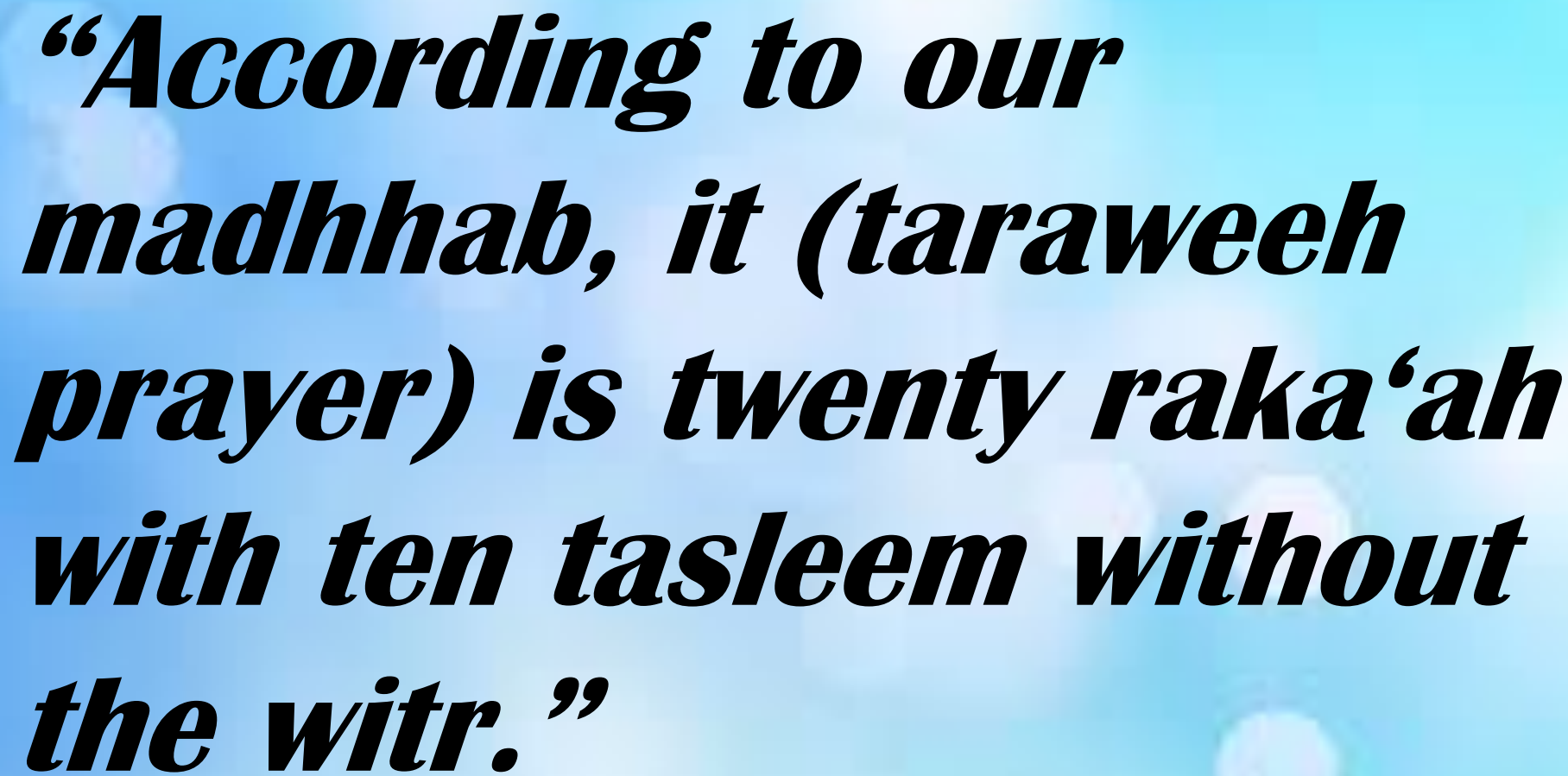
convened on the 16th and 17th of February 2021 and also the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee Meeting that took place on the 9th of March, 2021.




I also would like to remind that in our pursuit for the virtues and superiority of the month of Ramadaan, which has 19 days left, let us intensify our efforts in livening up the nights of Ramadaan by performing



the complete *taraweeh sunnah* prayer with twenty *raka'ah*. This is the view according to the *madhhab* (school of thought) of ash-Shaafi'i. Imaam an-Nawawi mentioned in his book *al-Majmoo'*:




“According to our madhhab, it (taraweeh prayer) is twenty raka‘ah with ten tasleem without the witr.”




Moreover, it is also the opinion of Imaam Abu Haneefah and Imaam Ahmad bin Hanbal.

While Imaam Maalik ibn Anas is of the opinion that it is thirty six *raka'ah*.



**The twenty *raka'ah* of
taraweeh prayer is based
on the narration of as-
Saa'ib bin Yazeed
radiyAllaahu 'anh, whom
said:**




“In the time of ‘Umar ibn al-Khattaab radiyAllaahu ‘anh they would perform 20 raka‘ah in the month of Ramadaan.”

(al-Bayhaqi)



Therefore, let us complete our *taraweeh* prayer with twenty *raka'ah*, so that we will obtain its reward as promised by the Prophet ﷺ, which is forgiveness from Allah for all of our past sins. Verily, the




***taraweeh* prayer performed with less than that (i.e. twenty *raka'ah*) is not deemed as *taraweeh* prayer according to the Shaafi'i *madhhab*. However, it will still receive the reward of the night prayer (*qiyaam*),**




inshaa Allah.


**On this glorious day, let us
altogether increase our *salawaat*
upon our beloved Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has
commanded:**




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, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Words and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.



O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), and give away our wealth and endowment (*waqf*) through



Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor
(Selangor Endowment
Corporation) and *Tabung Infak*
Jariah Umat Islam Selangor
(TIJARI, Selangor Continuous
Charity for Muslims Fund),



**and to the orphans through
Darul Ehsan Islamic
Foundation (YIDE).**



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