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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَادْكُرْ رَبَّكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً وَدُونَ
الْجَهْرِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ وَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ ﴿٢٠٥﴾¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾²

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by intensifying our obedience and avoiding acts of disobedience and in vain. Let us hasten to seize the tremendous opportunities offered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to us in the last ten days of Ramadaan that remains. May we be bestowed with the favor of experiencing *laylat al-Qadr* this year.

¹ al-A'raaf 7:205

² Aal-'Imraan 3:102



On a day that is full of barakah (blessings), I will expound on a *khutbah* titled **“THE SUPERIORITY OF THE NIGHT OF AL-QADR AND THE NIGHT OF ‘EID.”**

Respected Muslims,

Ramadaan *al-Mubaarak* that comes by to visit us is now almost leaving the Muslim *ummah* in a few days. Some of us have actually begun to weep. This distinguished guest will leave and surely will return again. However, will we be granted with the opportunity to meet this glorious month again?

Whatever that has gone by, will not be repeatable. What we can afford to do is to supplicate, make *istighfaar* (seeking forgiveness) and fully submit to the will of Allah. Making *du‘aa* (supplication) and fully surrender in earnestly hoping that all of our deeds performed throughout Ramadaan will be accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*. Even though Ramadaan will soon end, it is not the end for all goodness and abundance of *rahmah* (mercy) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*. Instead, the night of ‘*Eid* that will soon arrive, which is the night of the 1st of Shawwaal, is a night with its own merit.

What a waste, if throughout the entire Ramadaan we were able to diligently perform acts of worship (*‘ibaadah*) and good deeds, but on a night that is full of *barakah*, we get preoccupied with the preparation for ‘*Eid al-Fitr*. Even worse if it is tainted with sins and disobedience. Definitely it is not wrong to become happy and feeling grateful upon the favor of being able to perfect the *‘ibaadah* in Ramadaan this year, but such blissfulness should not cause us to lose out from reaping tremendous gain.

Dear blessed audience,



Throughout the month of Ramadaan, aside from the night of *al-Qadr*, we are also offered with the night of the 1st of Shawwaal that has its own virtues if we are immersed in *'ibaadah* during that night.

Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh* relates that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"...On the last night of Ramadaan people are forgiven." It was said, "O Messenger of Allah, is that last night Laylat al-Qadr?" Rasulullah (ﷺ) replied, "No, but a workman is paid his full wages only when he has finished his work."

(Ahmad)

Therefore, the night of *'Eid* should be filled with *takbeer*, lots of supplication, and certain *adhkaar*. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had recommended his *ummah* to celebrate *'Eid al-Fitr* by constantly praising the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Furthermore, the Muslims are highly encouraged to truly comprehend and internalize upon every single *takbeer* proclaimed. They are laden with the meanings of the loftiness and Oneness of Allah, as well as the truthfulness of His promises in granting aid to the believers. Moreover, it also reminds us of the battle of al-Ahzaab (the Confederates), where Allah had granted victory to the Muslims by destroying the army of al-Ahzaab with His Might.

Beginning from the eve of *'Eid al-Fitr* until the *'Eid* prayer, we are highly recommended to utter the *takbeer* of *'Eid*. Its celebration begins with reviving the night of *'Eid* through the *'ibaadah* of *salaah* (prayer), *dhikr*, and cries of *takbeer* in exalting and glorifying Allah. The *'Eid takbeer* also manifests the feeling of triumph within the self after fasting for an entire month.



اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ

أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

The *takbeer* of victory for the Muslim *ummah* can uplift the spirit and determination in becoming better for the coming year. The *takbeer* can be uttered in a group, whether sitting or walking, or even uttered aloud in the homes, *masaajid*, marketplace, and the streets en route to the *masjid* until the 'Eid al-Fitr prayer begins. Making *takbeer* on the eve of 'Eid al-Fitr is highly recommended, as mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 185 of soorah al-Baqarah:

...وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَيْتُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ

تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿١٨٥﴾

“...and [Allah wants] for you to complete the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful.”

Dear beloved audience,

Actually, if we are to observe today, the practice of making *takbeer* on the eve of 'Eid has dwindled, perhaps due to the preoccupation in the preparation for 'Eid and flocking stock clearance sales at the stores. These people would place priority upon the worldly (*dunyawi*) preparation as opposed to the *ukhrawi* (afterlife). There is nothing wrong in pursuing worldly preparation, but would it not be awesome if these nights that are filled with *barakah*, are actually filled with new spiritual nourishments for the ailing soul? Aside from *takbeer*, we are also recommended to revive the night of 'Eid with lots of *dhikr*, recitations of al-Qur'an, making *tasbeeh*, and *istighfaar*.



In the *hadeeth* of Abu Umaamah Al-Baahiliy *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, it was narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَتِي الْعِيدَيْنِ مُحْتَسِبًا لِلَّهِ لَمْ يَمُتْ قَلْبُهُ يَوْمَ
تَمُوتُ الْقُلُوبُ

“Whoever spends the nights of the two ‘Eid in praying voluntary prayers, seeking reward from Allah, his heart will not die on the Day when hearts will die.”

(ibn Maajah)

Respected Muslims,

On the morning of the 1st of Shawwal, there are several practices that are from the authentic *sunnah* such as taking *ghusl* (bath) even for the menstruating women, donning the best garment with fragrance, and eating something for breakfast before leaving for the ‘Eid al-Fitr prayer.

This was the practice of Rasulullah ﷺ, as narrated by Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*:

كَانَ إِنْ رَسُوهُ اللَّهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَا يَغْدُو يَوْمَ
الْفِطْرِ حَتَّى يَأْكُلَ تَمْرَاتٍ

“Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) never proceeded (for the prayer) on the Day of ‘Eid al-Fitr unless he had eaten some dates.”

(al-Bukhaari)

After consuming a bit of food, we should then hasten to the *musalla* early so as to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr*, make *takbeer*, perform the ‘Eid al-Fitr prayer, and listen to the *khutbah* of ‘Eid, even for the menstruating women.



Aside from that, it is from the *sunnah* to take a different path when returning home from the *musalla*.

Abu Hurairah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated that: **“When Allah’s Messenger would go out on the day of ‘Eid by one route, he would return by another.”**

(at-Tirmidhi)

The *hikmah* (wisdom) of taking a different route is so that it will be witnessed by the angels and Allah’s creations, as well as strengthening the *silaaturrahm* (ties of kinship) amongst Muslims. May Shawwaal, which follows the departure of Ramadaan, be celebrated with true joy. Just as the angels rejoice and remain joyous with the abundant bounties of Allah that are bestowed upon us. Let us not allow our happiness render us heedless upon the greatness and glory of the virtue of the night of ‘Eid, and realize the vastness of the mercy of Allah while we gather for the ‘Eid al-Fitr prayer.

Dear beloved Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* this time, let us take lessons from the following matters. May it serve as guide in concluding the last days of Ramadaan and celebrating the blessed 1st of Shawwaal:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must conclude its last days of Ramadaan with excessive ‘*ibaadah* and reaping the rewards prepared by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty and penitence that the eve of the 1st of Shawwaal is a night of praise, magnifying, and glorifying Allah.



3. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid deeds that are harmful and sinful, especially in the last days of Ramadaan and the night of the 1st of Shawwaal. More so, until one breathes his last.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ تَزَكَّى ﴿١٤﴾ وَذَكَرَ اسْمَ رَبِّهِ فَصَلَّى ﴿١٥﴾

“He has certainly succeeded who purifies himself. And mentions the name of his Lord and prays.”

(Soorah al-A'laa 87:14-15)

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.

Dear blessed audience,

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. This 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.



Respected Muslims,

May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, disciplined in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the new normal practices in overcoming the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the community. On this glorious day, let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has commanded:

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قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ
ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.



اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلِعْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ 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, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Word 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).

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

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



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