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***THE SUPERIORITY OF THE
NIGHT OF AL-QADR
AND THE NIGHT OF 'EID***

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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.

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***

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 began 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.

Throughout the month of Ramadaan, aside from the night of *al-Qadr*, we are also offered with the

night of the 1st of
Shawwaaal that has its
own virtues if we are
immersed in *'ibaadah*
during that night.

Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu ‘anh relates
that Rasulullah ﷺ 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 ﷺ
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
وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَبِاللَّهِ 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:

“...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.”

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 (*dunyawī*) preparation as opposed to the *ukhrawī* (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:

“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)

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 *radhiyAllaahu*
'anh:

***“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.

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.

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

(Soorah al-A‘laa 87:14-15)



**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.**




May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, and 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.




**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 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).**



**ILUSTRASI INI
DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**