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Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, by abiding 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



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Zakaat of wealth (almaal) refers to zakaat that is related to certain types of wealth, namely gold, silver, income, savings, commerce, investments, crops, livestock, and minerals.

All of these types of wealth are subjected to zakaat when all of the conditions for it to become obligatory (waajib) are met. Hence, it is a major sin upon anyone who refuses to

fulfill his or her *zakaat* obligation.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has reminded in verse 35 of soorah at-Tawbah:

"The Day when it will be heated in the fire of Hell and seared therewith will be their foreheads, their flanks, and their backs, [it will be said], "This is what you hoarded for yourselves, so taste what you used to hoard.""

Of late, we have been afflicted with the Covid-19 pandemic, which serves as the source for various quagmires. Among the most bitter ordeal is its severe effect upon the nation's economy.

Many companies and businesses have been gravely affected, causing many people to lose their jobs. Such scenario has triggered a new problem which is instant poverty.

Generally, **'instant** poverty' is only temporary in nature. However, it becomes a major problem if it is not handled properly. Aside from that, it knows no economic boundaries

and can afflict anyone, including those from the M40 and T20 income groups. Even the professional and highly skilled groups can also be affected by its severity.

Faced with such situation, the Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS) has various launched initiatives to aid those that have been affected. On the 2nd of July 2021, LZS has launched an aid

program with the theme "Zakaat Selangor Cares" that targeted a total of 15,000 recipients with a RM500 one-off aid This disbursement. assistance is a continuation from the

COVID-19 Special Aid and Affected Individuals Alternative Aid (BAIT) that was previously launched. Up until this moment, more than RM100 million has been allocated to assist those

that have been affected by Covid-19.

Despite the deteriorating economy and many losing their jobs, in reality there are still many among the **Muslims in this state that**

are eligible to give zakaat.

This is because based on research, it was found that the actual potential zakaat payer in Selangor is 1.2 million people. While up until December 31st 2020,

the total number of those fulfilling their *zakaat* was only around 300,000.

This means that many are still able to fulfill their *zakaat* but have yet to come forth and fulfilled it.

It could be that they do not realize that it has now become waajib upon them to fulfill zakaat. Also, it could be that they are fulfilling their zakaat but not through LZS, meaning it is disbursed

bythemselvesorchanneledoutsideofSelangor.

Verily, paying *zakaat* to other than LZS, which has been appointed by

MAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Council), is wrong according to the Sharee'ah and the administrative system of a nation. This is based on a daleel (evidence or proof) where

Mu'aadh bin Jabal radiyAllaahu 'anh was sent to Yemen, and Prophet Muhammad instructed him:

"Inform them that Allah has enjoined on them zakaat of their properties and it is to be taken from the rich among them and given to the poor." (al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

The fuqahaa' (jurists) stated that this daleel is explicit where the zakaat of wealth of a people of a land becomes the rights of the asnaaf (zakaat recipients) of that land.

It cannot be taken out freely without the permission of the ruler or authority of that land.

Once there was long drought in Madeenah and at that time it was 'Umar al-Khattaab radiyAllaahu *'anh* who was the khaleefah (caliph), so ibn Jabal **Mu'aadh** radiyAllaahu 'anh

brought zakaat funds collected from the people of Yemen to Madeenah in aiding those faced with starvation. However, reprimanded **'Umar** Mu'aadh and rejected such offering, for the

zakaat collection from Yemen is for the people of Yemen.

Mu'aadh replied stating that the people of Yemen at that time were selfsufficient and had enough

provision for themselves, while it is the people of Madeenah that are in difficulty. Hence, the reason that he brought zakaat collection to Madeenah.

After hearing the strong argument, only then 'Umar accepted the aid, for the sake of the maslahah (general benefit) of the people of Madeenah.

Remember that zakaat that is being fulfilled actually provides social security for the Muslim ummah. For those fulfilling zakaat, it serves as the asbab (means) in the purification of their

wealth, as reminded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verse **39 of soorah Sabaa':**

"Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers.""

For the recipients, zakaat is akin to the life buoy in the ocean that prevents them from drowning. Moreover, zakaat serves as the link between the rich and the poor that is solid and harmonious.

Zakaat development in Selangor has been detailed clearly in the report annual for **Selangor's** zakaat For management. example, up until 31st of December 2020, almost

60,000 poor families have been officially registered with LZS. That is no small amount, for if broken down into individual figures, in reality it is over 400,000 individuals.

Such large number of definitely asnaaf requires a huge zakaat fund to ensure that their needs are unaffected. What more with the **Covid-19 pandemic risks**

that are beyond expectation, then it is not impossible that one day we become asnaaf that are in need of assistance from zakaat management.

Therefore, let US altogether fulfill our zakaat within the state of Selangor by taking advantage of LZS in the best manner, so that LZS will be able to play

a more effective role in aiding the Muslim ummah, especially in today's very challenging era.

To end the khutbah this time, the following are several lessons and tawsiyah (suggestions) for us as guidance in this life, among them:

1. The Muslim ummah must realize that zakaat of wealth must be given when one completely has fulfilled its obligatory conditions.

2. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that zakaat is a form harmonious of relationship between the rich and the poor.

3. The Muslim ummah must perform zakaat of wealth through LZS so that zakaat distribution will be truly effective upon the asnaafin need.

"[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakaah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters."

(Soorah al-Hajj 22:41)



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.

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 deriving lessons from

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everything that has happened, always vigilant and mindful though we have been given a bit of freedom to move about. This is because the entire nation is still fighting the **Covid-19 pandemic, for the**

sake of our own safety and the society as a whole.

For those that are truly affected by this pandemic, do not take the easy way out by harming and injuring ourselves. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.

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.**

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O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling zakaat through Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS), making endowment (waqf)

through Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor (Selangor Endowment **Corporation) and giving away our** wealth (infaaq) through Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous **Charity for Muslims Fund),**

and to the orphans throughDarulEhsanIslamicFoundation (YIDE).

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