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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَا تُلْقُواْ بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى ٱلتَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُوٓاْ إِنَّ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَا تُلْقُواْ بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى ٱلتَّهْلُكَةِ وَأَحْسِنُواْ إِنَّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ يُحِبُّ ٱلْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهِ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ اللَّهُ اللِّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّلَةُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللللِّهُ اللَّهُ الللللِّهُ الللَّهُ اللللللِّلْمُ الللللِي الللللللِّلْمُ الللللِّهُ اللْمُعْمِلُولَ الللللِّلْمُ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللللْمُ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللللْمُ اللللْمُ اللللْمُ اللللْمُ اللللْمُ اللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللللْمُ اللللْمُ اللللْمُ الللْمُ الللْمُ الللْمُ اللللِمُ اللللْمُ الللْمُ الللْمُ اللْمُ اللْمُ اللْمُ الللْمُ الللْمُ الللْمُ الللْمُ ال

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِه أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَآ أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ! أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَاأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ ۞ 2

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strengthen our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in every seconds of our lives with obedience as well as adherence to His Commands, and avoid His prohibitions. Verily, such effort will incur *rahmah* (mercy) and blessings from Him in this world and the Hereafter.

Our khutbah this time around is titled "STAY VIGILANT, NOT NEGLIGENT."

Dearest Muslims,

¹ al-Baqarah 2:195.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



We are well informed that on 11th October 2021, the Malaysian government has allowed all of us to cross state borders after having been prohibited from doing so for quite some time. The feeling of gratitude and happiness were clearly expressed on everyone's face after two years we were prevented from returning to our hometown and kampong to meet with our loved ones. It is indeed a great *rahmah* and blissfulness, however we must remember that it is not a license for us to escape and disregard self-control measures and roam freely without adhering to the SOP.

Two vaccine doses and 90% of the adult population having been vaccinated is not a 100% guarantee that we are immune from this unseen virus. Moreover, if we remain aloof with regard to the virus being present in our surroundings and living among us, it is worried that it will give rise to a new wave of Covid-19 pandemic within our society. Even though we have been successful in reducing the infection rate with vaccine immunization to curb its spread, we must remain disciplined when strolling through shopping malls, food outlets, tourist attractions, while playing sports, and returning to our hometown to see our parents, colleagues, and relatives. This freedom does not mean that we can freely shake each other's hands, mingling, flocking and crowding without having any regard for the regulations stipulated in the SOP. This is because the virus that is invisible is always looking for opportunities to find new victims that are negligent and heedless. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 29 of soorah an-Nisaa':

"And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, Allah is to you ever Merciful."



This verse informs us that if we disregard and do not adhere to the SOP, it is as if we have thrown ourselves into the valley of destruction, meaning that we would harm and kill one another.

Respected audience,

A research that was conducted by the Executive Dean of Taylor's University's Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, Emeritus Professor Dr. P.T. Thomas, expounded that vaccines are not 100% effective upon every individual that have been vaccinated. The efficacy of a vaccine is at 90%. This means that from 100 vaccinated persons, 90 will be protected while the remaining 10 will have the possibility of getting infected by the virus.

Healthcare administrator, Dr. Khoo Yoong Khean, stated that those that have completed their vaccination shots are still susceptible to Covid-19 infection even though its effect will not be as severe compared to those unvaccinated.

This means that there is no 100% guarantee that those who have completed their vaccination will not be infected by Covid-19. There is the possibility of individuals that have been vaccinated and are not displaying any signs or symptoms, yet they would carry and spread this virus to others. Strictly speaking, the 'freedom' granted by the government is not a license for us to become heedless in adhering to the standard operating procedure (SOP).

According to Associate Professor Dr. Yahya Mat Arip, a Universiti Sains Malaysia virologist, if there emerges a group that has been vaccinated and they became the cause for the spread of Covid-19, then there will be negative perception upon vaccination efforts because such program is deemed to contribute in the prevention of its transmission not as its cause. Even more worrying, according to the Director-General of



Health, Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham bin Abdullah, the Delta variant not only spreads within the duration of 5-15 seconds but it can grow in the noses of vaccinated individuals. This means that those that have been vaccinated can spread the virus and infect others. Hence, the vanishing of vigilance and emergence of negligence can inflict a new wave that is even more frightening. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 92 of Soorah al-Maa'idah:

"And obey Allah and obey the Messenger and beware."

In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah **said**:

"Deliberation is from Allah, and haste is from Satan."

(al-Bayhaqi)

Dear respected audience,

Let us altogether as *Keluarga Malaysia* (the Malaysian Family), though having reached the target of complete vaccination for 90% of adult population and that we are now able to freely roam around here and there including inter-state travels, we must continue to remain cautious and not negligent. Let us continue the habit of remaining obedient, disciplined, and living according to the new norm for the safety and well-being of our ourselves, our families, the society, and the nation.

To end our *khutbah* today, let us altogether ponder upon the following matters:



- 1. We must have *imaan* (belief) and certainty that all calamities and diseases are from the *qadr* (decree) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
- 2. We must become an *ummah* that is obedient and vigilant in curbing the pandemic or endemic that occurs.
- 3. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that the freedom granted is not a license for us to be as freely as possible that we become heedless from observing the SOP.
- 4. We must become an *ummah* that is caring and *istiqaamah* (steadfast) living with the new norm so that our families, ourselves, and the Nation remain safe.

"Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing [in prayer], fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of his Lord, [like one who does not]? Say, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding."

(Soorah az-Zumar 39:9)



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْلهَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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.

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 deriving lessons from 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 oneself. 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 as Allah has commanded:

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ وَمَلَّيِكَتَهُ و يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَأْيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسْلِيمًا ۞

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلاَنَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِیْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْیَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِیْعٌ قَرِیْبٌ مُجِیْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَیَا قَاضِیَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلاَمَ وَالْمُسْلِمِیْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِیْنَ وَدَمِّرْ اَعْدَاءَكَ اَعْدَاءَ الدِّیْنِ. وَانْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِیْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ بِأَسْمَآئِكَ الْحُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنْايَتِكَ الْحُطْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَان سُلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه المُعَظَّم، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه



الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تعْكو أَمِير شَاه اِبْنِ السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ أَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبلِّغْ مَعْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبلِغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَربِقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).



اَللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَالْمِحَنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنُ أُزُورِجِنَا وَذُرِيَّتِنَا قُرَّةً أَعْيُنِ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَآ ءَاتِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي ٱلْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ ۞. عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِي ٱلْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَاءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغْيُ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ وَيَنْهَى عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَآءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغْيُ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



فَاذْكُرُواْ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْلُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَصْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.