

A JUST AND WISE SULTAN IS YEARNED BY THE PEOPLE





I remind myself and dear respected congregation to altogether strive in empowering our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with the truest of

taqwa by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

In conjunction with 76th Birthday of the His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor on the 11th of December 2021,

Let us ponder upon the khutbah that is to be delivered titled...



His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor's Birthday marks the official birthday celebration for His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor that is commemorated by every walks of society as a sign

of gratitude for the existence of the Palace institution in the state of Selangor as an important institution serving as the pillar of sovereignty for the state of Selangor and all of its residents.

to the Obedience reigning Sultan the is to very foundation the establishment and survival of the Malay Islamic civilization and and religious racial diversity in this region.

That is the case in the state of Selangor. The rule of the Malay Sultanate proved to be the foundation for the growth and development of the Malay Islamic civilization for so long.

The Monarch institution cannot be separated from the Malay community for the Sultan and the citizens are in need of each other. Such concept and practice are in line with the country of

Malaysia as a sovereign nation, practicing the parliamentary democratic system and constitutional monarchy based on the Rukun Negara (National Principles) concept, which espouses Loyalty to the King and Country.

His Royal Majesty the the Sultan is administrator and the Head of Islam whom inherits the trust that was shouldered by the Anbiyaa' (Prophets) and Rasool (Messengers) in

preserving the sanctity of the religion of Islam. believers As (mu'mineen), it becomes waajib (obligatory) upon us to obey the Sultan, King, or Khaleefah whom are known as

Ulil Amri (those in This firm authority). assertion was recorded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verse 59 of soorah an-Nisaa' that was recited at the beginning of this sermon, which means:

"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you (Ulil Amri)."

Obedience to Ulil Amri is deemed to ensure the wellbeing of the society and nation unto becoming Baldatun Tayyibatun wa Rabbun Ghafoor (a good land and attaining Allah's Forgiveness).

The emphasis upon adherence to the Sultan, King, and Ulil Amri was also mentioned by Rasulullah . He called for obedience to the leader that prioritizes stability, harmony, and

welfare of his people. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"Whosoever obeys the Ameer (leader) has obeyed me, and he who disobeys the Ameer has disobeyed me."

(al-Bukhaari)

As the leader of the Muslim ummah, placed Rasulullah great importance on justice and being just in every dimension of life. Clearly, leadership is not just the contract between

the leader and the society but it is a covenant between the leader and Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and as a leader, he must always prioritize upon justice when fulfilling his

duties. While, in the aspect of obedience and allegiance to the leader, we can see that the Companions of the Prophet were very loyal and obedient to the Prophet . Their strict

adherence became the key and asbab (means) for the path to Allah's Paradise, without heedlessness and negligence, in fulfilling the commands and leaving out the

prohibitions of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. the Among characteristics of leadership excellence of Rasulullah as the head of society and state is that he would always call

towards doing good, sparing his time, delving into emotions and share his feelings, finding time, consistently and educating the regarding Companions the knowledge of this

world and the Hereafter. As a leader, Rasulullah strived to internalize the predicament of those facing difficulties, aiding them to his level best and fulfilling the need of the people. This was the

natural trait or fitrah that bestowed upon was Rasulullah . This matter was recorded Sayyidatina Khadeejah when wahy (divine was first revelation) revealed.

"Never! By Allah, Allah never disgrace you. You keep good relations with your kith and kin, speak the truth, help the poor and the destitute, serve your guests generously and assist those who are stricken with calamities." (al-Bukhaari)

As citizens that are loyal to His Majesty Tuanku Sultan, we must accept with an open heart towards everything that have been decreed by His Highness Tuanku Sultan. This is because

the Sultan's decree is for the maslahah (benefit) of the people. Let us not belittle and fault the decree and commands of Ulil Amri. We would often question matters that we dislike just because it is

not in accordance with our wants. This can be seen in the issue of jamaa'ah (congregation) movement control at the masjid and vaccination efforts that would often spark accusations and

fitnah (slander). In end, there would be endless assumptions and confusions within the society regarding vaccination and inaccurate "factual" news being disseminated,

causing restlessness within the community.

Let us avoid acts of and provocation manipulation pertaining facts on the social media by disputing the

announcement of decree by Ulil Amri, purely for one's personal gain and influencing the masses. This is in accordance with what had been approved by His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor on

28th September 2021, concluding that the ruling with regard to Covid-19 vaccination is permissible and it becomes waajib upon been those that have determined by the

government. Therefore, all of the accusations hurled must be halted for they do not bring any good upon the Muslim ummah.

Hence, let us build the confidence in adhering to the commands of Ulil Amri, especially upon matters that bring about good and prosperity in our lives. In the hadeeth of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah said:

"A Muslim has to listen to and obey (the order of his ruler) whether he likes it or not, as long as his orders involve not one in disobedience (to Allah),

but if an act of disobedience (to Allah) is imposed one should not listen to it or obey it."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

As residents in the state of Selangor, let uphold the wishes and aspirations of the beloved Sultan in building and bringing prosperity to the state of Selangor like

bak "serumpun serai, sirih" bak sesusun (meaning: remaining united in all matters). In addition, we dream of peace and prosperity in the state of Selangor from all sorts of

calamities especially the dangerous virus of Covid-19. The residents must be thankful for having been bestowed with His Majesty the Sultan that is credible, caring, just, and

consistent empowering Amar Ma'roof Nahy Munkar (promoting good, preventing evil), as well as elevating the Sharee'ah of Islam in Selangor based on the

'aqeedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah.

Therefore, on this noble Friday, all of us as citizens humbly present ourselves and convey our utmost congratulatory wishes to

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, in conjunction with the 76th Birthday of His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah al-Haj Ibni Almarhum Sultan

Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah al-Haj. May Allah bless and prolong the life of Tuanku Sultan in safeguarding peace and the welfare of the people in Selangor.

The conclusions that can be derived from the *khutbah*:

1. It is waajib upon the believers to obey the Sultan, Ruler, or Khaleefah, firmly asserted in al-Qur'an as Ulil Amri.

2. The Muslim ummah must obey Ulil Amri, so as to ensure the wellbeing of the society and nation unto becoming Baldatun Tayyibatun wa Rabbun Ghafoor (a good land and attaining Allah's Forgiveness).

3. The Muslim ummah must realize that just leaders will be conferred with glory from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in the Hereafter by attaining His Shade (Intercession).

"Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing."

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:58)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the tagwa 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

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



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*.



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,



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 our wealth (infaaq) through Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund),

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

