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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوْمِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ
بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ ءَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا ءَعْدِلُوا هُوَ
أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ ۚ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اِتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ
مُسْلِمُونَ. ²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly remind myself and respected audience to altogether strive in empowering our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with the truest of *taqwa* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ al-Maa'idah 5:8.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



The *khutbah* today is titled "**OBSERVING GOOD AKHLAAQ WHILE CAMPAIGNING.**"

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

Useful and beneficial advice is something that is emphasized in spreading the *da'wah* (calling or invitation) of al-Islam. Similarly, the Prophet ﷺ had explained that the religion is *naseehah* (advice). Therefore, the foundation of Islamic teachings is the mutual advising of one another for it will cause the Muslim to fulfill the rights of Allah, the rights of al-Qur'an, the rights of the Messenger, the rights of the leader, and the rights of the people. Moreover, the best advice is done through gentleness, politeness, and prudence, in conveying good so that its objectives will be achieved upon the intended audience. *Naseehah* has a privileged status in Islam for it can strengthen the bond of *ukhuwwah Islamiyyah* (Islamic brotherhood) among Muslims.

Dear blessed Muslims,

In line with the announcement made by the Election Commission (SPR), 19th of November 2022 has been determined as the voting day for the 15th General Election (PRU15). While, the nomination day and early voting have been determined to be on the 5th and 15th of November 2022, respectively. Therefore, Malaysian citizens must vote for their prospective candidates that will govern and lead the nation, upholding the *maslahah* (public interest) and curbing harm. This is because Islam deems leadership appointment as a serious matter for the Muslim *ummah*, even if it is within a small group or a few in numbers. This coincides with the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:



إِذَا كَانَ ثَلَاثَةٌ فِي سَفَرٍ فَلْيُؤَمِّرُوا أَحَدَهُمْ

“When three are on a journey, they should appoint one of them as their commander.”

(Abu Dawood)

Dear beloved audience,

The fact is, prior to the election day in Malaysia, the campaigning period has been determined to be two weeks in showing support to the candidates and political parties contesting. This political campaign is seen as an avenue to raise the candidate's credibility and subsequently elected as the local representative. In relation to that, I would like to humbly advice for a clean election campaign to be carried out with *adab* (etiquette), *akhlaaq* (character), and the spirit of *ukhuwwah* outlined by Islam so that the virtuous *akhlaaq* of a Muslim will continue to be displayed. Hence, during this campaigning period, every individual or group must;

First, individuals and political parties' machinery that are campaigning must avoid immoral speech such as cursing, insulting, and exposing the personal fault of others. When campaigning, restrain the tongue from speech and words of contempt and lies. This is because there is a *hadeeth* mentioning that such act is from the act of the *mufлис* (bankrupt) in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:



أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْمُفْلِسُ؟ قَالُوا: الْمُفْلِسُ فِينَا مَنْ لَا دِرْهَمَ لَهُ
وَلَا مَتَاعَ، فَقَالَ: إِنَّ الْمُفْلِسَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ
بِصَلَاةٍ، وَصِيَامٍ، وَزَكَاةٍ، وَيَأْتِي قَدْ شَتَمَ هَذَا، وَقَذَفَ هَذَا،
وَأَكَلَ مَالَ هَذَا، وَسَفَكَ دَمَ هَذَا، وَضَرَبَ هَذَا، فَيُعْطَى هَذَا
مِنْ حَسَنَاتِهِ، وَهَذَا مِنْ حَسَنَاتِهِ، فَإِنْ فَنِيَتْ حَسَنَاتُهُ قَبْلَ
أَنْ يُقْضَى مَا عَلَيْهِ أُخِذَ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ فَطُرِحَتْ عَلَيْهِ، ثُمَّ
طُرِحَ فِي النَّارِ.

“Do you know who the bankrupt is?” They said: “O Messenger of Allah! The bankrupt among us is the one who has no dirham nor property.” The Messenger of Allah said: “The bankrupt in my ummah is the one who comes with salaah and fasting and zakaah on the Day of Judgement, but he comes having abused this one, falsely accusing that one, wrongfully consuming the wealth of this one, spilling the blood of that one, and beating this one. So he is seated, and this one is requited from his rewards. If his rewards are exhausted before the sins that he committed are requited, then some of their sins will be taken and cast upon him, then he will be cast into the Fire.”

(Muslim)

Another *hadeeth* mentions two matters that would always entrap mankind into the Hellfire, where Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* mentioned that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:



تَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَحُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ. وَسُئِلَ عَنْ أَكْثَرِ مَا يُدْخِلُ
النَّاسَ النَّارَ فَقَالَ " الْفَمُّ وَالْفَرْجُ " .

“Taqwa of Allah, and good character.” And he ﷺ was asked about that for which people are admitted into the Fire the most, and he ﷺ said: “The mouth and the private parts.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Second, to investigate and scrutinize the authenticity of news or information received before disseminating them while campaigning. This is because there are many stories being spread that are actually fake news which can cause anxiety among the voters. Especially in today's information technology age, most election campaigns would involve campaigning through the social media, hiding behind fake accounts for personal and group's interest. This allows for fake news and stories to be easily sensationalized and shared in the cyberspace without the ability to prevent its spread during the campaigning period. However, it is undeniable that campaigning through the social media is seen as more efficient and its spread is very fast. However, we must observe the limits of acceptance and dissemination of information by further scrutinizing the content of the information being disseminated. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala* mentions in verse 6 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا
قَوْمًا بِجَهْلَةٍ فَتُصْبِحُوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ ﴿٦﴾



“O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful.”

Respected Muslims,

In the heat and enthusiasm of the campaigning period, let us not act recklessly without thinking thoroughly, committing extreme provocation against candidates from opposing parties by manifesting violence and savagery that is further deviated from the Islamic *akhlaaq*. Accordingly, the candidates and supporters should be campaigning in a healthy manner and comply with legal guidelines, as well as conditions determined by the authorities, particularly the Election Commission and the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM). Know that politics is *ijtihad* within the framework of Islamic thought. Let us rectify our *niyyah* (intention) of campaigning for the sake of Allah, seeking His Pleasure and avoiding His Wrath. Let us preserve the brotherhood ties by avoiding arguments and fighting among ourselves, so that we will be bestowed with guidance and *rahmah* (mercy), just as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 10 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”

During this campaigning period, let us not make the differences in political thoughts and direction to last until the election is over without



greeting one another, frowning at each other, and blaming one another for the outcome of the election. Do not allow our different political beliefs to cause us to reject the truth and Islamic principles. In the end, friends become foes, the tie of *silaaturrahm* gets severed, and the household gets broken. Let it be so that we would win together and lose together. Therefore, decorate this campaigning period with Islamic *akhlaaq* and character that are open and rational. The 15th General Election is not a battlefield for argument but it is an arena for the interests of the nation and people. PRU15 is to lift leaders that are just, intelligent, and having integrity. Not just that, PRU15 is the realm to honor leaders that would fight for the people's aspirations. This is greatly demanded in Islam. In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَلَى مَنَابِرٍ مِنْ نُورٍ عَنْ يَمِينِ
الرَّحْمَنِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ

“Those who act justly will be with Allah on pulpits of light at the right hand of the Most Merciful.”

(Muslim)

Dear blessed audience,

The conclusions that can be derived from today's *khutbah* are:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must not deem politics as everything in life, that one would treat prohibited matters as lawful, where in the end one is thrown into the Hellfire. The end does not justify the means.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must not commit immoral acts when campaigning for it will cause the religion of Islam to be misunderstood.



3. Shaykh Muhammad 'Abduh once said: "I discovered Islam in the West without the presence of Muslims, and I discovered Muslims in the East without Islam. Islam gets concealed and blocked off by the evil acts of the Muslims themselves."

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ ﴿١﴾

"Woe to every scorner and mocker."

(al-Humazah 104:1)

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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,



Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ 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.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ



وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ إِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحِ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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).

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ 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 ءَاتِنَا 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.