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Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala performing all of His Commands and

avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we be granted with success in this world and the Hereafter.

The title of our *khutbah* today is:



Alhamdulillaah residents of Selangor will be celebrating the Sultan of Selangor's 77th Birthday on the 11th of December, 2022. May Allah bestow sound health and

firm imaan (faith) upon His Majesty so as to continue ruling this state with full wisdom, justice, and fairness. The Sultan is the khaleefah (vicegerent) that has been entrusted by Allah

to ensure the state would always remain in prosperity and wellbeing. What is more important is that the Sultan is responsible in safeguarding and protecting the sanctity of

Islam so that it will propagated and practiced by the denizens of this state with and ease peacefulness. The Sultan also must maintain strong relationship with

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, establish good and just economic system, ensuring that amar ma'roof nahy munkar (enjoin good, evil) forbid is implemented, and sets

his vision in prioritizing the Last Day. This coincides with what Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 41 of soorah al-Hajj:

"[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."

The Sultan or Ruler that is pleasing to Allah is one that is very concerned with regards to Islam and the affairs of the Muslims. Moreover, the Sultan that is always advising the people to

safeguard their salaah (prayer) and fulfill their zakaah. The Sultan yearns for his subjects to always indulge in various forms of good such as mutual agreement and consensus, as well as

avoiding bad akhlaaq (character) such as disunity that only leads to evil and loss upon oneself, one's family, and the state.

The active role undertaken by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor in advocating Islamic principles and providing advice regarding the sanctity of Islam is from among

His Majesty's efforts in carrying out the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. His Majesty would always remind the Muslim ummah to cling upon pure unadulterated

'aqeedah (creed), urging the Muslims to always unite their hearts and not be divided, always honest, remain trustworthy, and sincere in this life. This is the very effort and determination

of His Royal Highness in preserving and upholding al-Islam so that the Muslims will be respected, thus it is waajib (obligatory) to be supported and welcomed by the Muslim ummah.

Therefore, the Sultan is Ulil Amri (those in authority) that is waajib to be obeyed in matters that dignifies Islam.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 59 of soorah an-Nisaa':

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

The command obedience to the Sultan by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala must be adhered to in ensuring that Islam to continues be empowered and respected. We would

often hear the expression "the king and the people are inseparable." It behooves us to internalize this statement in strengthening the role of the Sultan and the people for the purpose of

ennobling Islam in this blessed land. The contribution the be Sultan cannot denied in defending and spreading Islam.

The Sultan or Ulil Amri is the khaleefah of Allah that has been entrusted to protect the people and attain prosperity within the state. The role of preserving the religion and protecting the

Muslim ummah is a very daunting task upon the Sultan. Because of that, the position of the Sultan is very wellrespected and admired from long ago.

In upholding the shi'aar (symbols) of Islam in this state of Selangor, there are 10 main tasks for the Sultan, as outlined by Imaam al-Mawardi in his book "al-Ahkaam al-Sultaaniyyah":

1. Preserving the religion of Islam from being tainted by the deviants. Alhamdulillaah, the state of Selangor had already issued fataawa that have been gazetted regarding deviant teachings so as

halt such to curb and misguidance. Some of the practitioners of these deviant teachings have made tawbah (repentance), while some have had legal actions taken against them.

Implementation of Islamic governance. The state of Selangor, under the auspices of His Majesty, has already established several institutions Islamic relating to the interests

and rights of the Muslims that are efficiently and effectively administered.

3. Protecting the state with sound educational and *'ibaadah* (worship) institutions.

Alhamdulillaah, His Royal Highness the Sultan had successfully ensured comfort and security within all masaajid, suraus, and Islamic schools from destructive elements.

4. Upholding Islamic law. Laws regarding Islamic affairs in Selangor that have been approved by His Majesty the Sultan were successful in protecting and administering the

Muslims from falling into the corruption 'ageedah and criminal behaviors, in addition to preserving the five rights within Magaasid Sharee 'ah (Higher Objectives of Islamic Law).

In the end, Islam will be seen as a religion that protects its entire ummah with the implementation of amar ma'roof nahy munkar.

5. public Maintaining order. safety and Alhamdulillaah, the state of Selangor is a state that is tayyibah (good) and maghfirah (forgiving). This refers to the grave concerns and

du'aa (supplication) of His Majesty the Sultan upon the welfare of his subjects, as well as the loyalty of members of the security forces in carrying out their duties with sincerity and full responsibility.

6. Exerting jihaad against those that attempt to insult and antagonize Islam. As the state's Head of Islamic affairs, His Royal Highness the Sultan often remind all quarters to not insult

Prophet Muhammad and mock the religion of Islam for it is a criminal Sharee 'ah offense.

7. Zakaat management. The establishment of Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS) under the Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS) with the consent and monitoring by the Sultan had proven to be

successful and remains committed in the management of zakaat with full integrity, in the interest of the asnaf (qualified recipients) and the benefit of the ummah.

welfare of 8. The the Islamic workers. His Majesty is very concerned with regard to the financial welfare of the officers and teachers that are employed at state agencies, masaajid, and

schools, so that they will always remain motivated in governing Islamic affairs within the state of Selangor.

9. Islamic workers that are trained and honest. This has been the priority and concern for His Royal Majesty so that the administration of the state's Islamic

affairs will always attain the pleasure of Allah and spared from corruption and abuse of power.

10. Field visits (turun padang) to observe and deal with all of the issues experienced by the ummah. Alhamdulillaah, His Majesty was able to physically see the progress of Islam and

identify the problems within the ummah through various programs with the masses and honest discussions with the leaders so that the administration of Islamic affairs remains perfect.

Even though the task of a Sultan is very heavy and will be held into account in the Hereafter, Islam has promised privileges and virtues in this world and the Hereafter for the best and just Sultan, such

as having his supplications not rejected and deemed as among the people of Paradise.

In a hadeeth, Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that Rasulullah said:

"There are three whose supplication is not rejected: The fasting person when he breaks his fast, the just ruler, and the supplication of the oppressed person."

(Ahmad and at-Tirmidhi)

This is the honor from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala bestowed upon the Sultan that rule with justice, that his supplications for the wellbeing of his subjects are not rejected by

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. With that, it behooves all leaders to always refer to His Majesty the Sultan with regard to all of staterelated issues and religious matters, for the

decree of the His Highness is honorable and his prayers are accepted.

The just Sultan that loves to give sadaqah (charity) will become among the people of Paradise.

'Iyaad bin Himaar radiyAllaahu 'anh reported:

"I heard the Messenger of Allah (**) said, "The people of Jannah are three:

One who wields authority and is just and fair, one who is truthful and has been endowed with power to do good deeds. And the person who is merciful and kind hearted towards his relatives and

to every pious Muslim, and one who does not stretch his hand in spite of having a large family to support."

(Muslim)

Hence, let us Selangor residents always supplicate for complete well-being and continuous sound health upon His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor so that His Majesty will

continue to lead and rule the state with hikmah and justice, under the hidaayah (guidance) and inaayah (help and support) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

To end this sermon, let us internalize upon the following essence and lessons:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the Sultan that rules with justice and the people that are obedient to the Sultan are actually 'ibaadah

and command from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that promises handsome reward in this world and the Hereafter.

2. The just Sultan will be bestowed with Allah's Protection in this world and the reward of Paradise in the Hereafter, moreover his du'aa will always be by Allah answered Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

3. Rasulullah is an individual that had been chosen by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in setting an example and as the best exemplary for the

Sultan in matters of leadership and administrative affairs.

"There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful."

(at-Tawbah 9:128)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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

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).

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,



