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

of His Commands and abandoning all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with success in this world and the Hereafter.

The title of today's *khutbah* is



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Zakaat (tithe) is an 'ibaadah (worship) that is waajib (obligatory) in Islam, as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 267 of soorah al-Baqarah that was recited at the beginning of the khutbah, which means:

"O you who have believed, spend from the good things which you have earned and from that which We have produced for you from the earth."

In bearing the amaanah (trust) of zakaat, both the Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS) and Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS) are always striving to impart sound knowledge and

comprehension so that the *'ibaadah* of *zakaah* will be fulfilled with precision and perfection.

Even though the obligation of zakaat is undeniable, since it is one

of the pillars of Islam and also clearly mentioned in al-Qur'an and ahaadeeth, we Muslims must understand that the fulfillment the of obligation of zakaat must be accompanied with

sound knowledge. When one fails to comprehend the 'ibaadah of zakaah, its direct effect is that the implementation of zakaat also becomes incorrect.

This is because zakaat is with the legislated objective and hikmah (wisdom) of creating a prosperous society, and from among the main source of that prosperity is when wealth can be

collectively shared with those that are in need. This sharing of wealth is mentioned by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in verses 24-25 of soorah al-Ma'aarij:

"And those within whose wealth is a known right. For the petitioner and the deprived."

Aside from that, zakaat can avoid mischiefs from taking place within the society. Crimes due to poverty such as stealing, robbery, snatch thief, and many others can be handled effectively if

zakaat is properly implemented.

This is because zakaat itself prevents wealth from only circulating among the rich, while hurting the soul and feelings of the poor.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 7 of soorah al-Hashr:

"...so that it will not be a perpetual distribution among the rich from among you."

The hukm (ruling) or fatwa regarding zakaat also changes according to the situation, location, and time, together along with this worldly life that continues to evolve. Hence, it behooves the

Muslim ummah to always remain in the know with regard to changes in fataawa regarding zakaat issued by the Selangor Fatwa Committee from time to time. Failure in keeping abreast with the

changes in fatwa can cause the *zakaat* fulfilled to become deficient.

For example, in the year 2017, the Fatwa on *Zakaat* Collection 2013 was amended and it involved

major changes upon stipulations many zakaat regarding collection in Selangor. Among them is that wealth that is deemed zakaat-able has been expanded, where wealth

and revenue obtained from outside of one's main source of income is rendered waajib to be imposed with zakaat. While, zakaat assessment method on one's savings have been

amended from considering the lowest available balance to the remaining balance at the end of the year.

Similarly, with the fatwa regarding withdrawal from

the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), whereby withdrawal each becomes zakaat-able the moment the fund is obtained, and not after one year it has been obtained.

Furthermore, there is an even greater stipulation that was issued as fatwa, which is that the Muslim ummah must combine all four types of wealth when calculating their zakaah. The four types of

wealth are savings, investment money, nonjewelry gold, and gold jewelry exceeding the 'urf (customs or norm) or greater than 800 grams.

In 2021, fatwa a pertaining to zakaat upon crypto currency was also approved in Selangor. Hence, for those Muslims that managed to create through wealth investment or savings in

crypto currency, it becomes waajib to impose zakaah upon them. This coincides with the hadeeth of Prophet Muhammad ::

وَأَدُّوا زَكَاةً أَمْوَالِكُمْ

"And pay the zakaat on your wealth."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Hence, Muslims that are present or residing in the state of Selangor must abide by all of these fataawa, for it is the command of ulil amri (authority), under the auspices of

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, as 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."

line with In the advancements in has modern era, LZS explored various new methods in facilitating zakaat-related affairs, whether in its collection or disbursement.

For example, with regard to the payment of zakaat, the Muslims can choose to fulfill their zakaat obligation without having to physically go to any zakaat counter. They can contact the customer

service hotline and inquire various questions pertaining to zakaat. Or it would even be easier to perform one's zakaat calculation by downloading the zakaat app from the internet and

run it on the mobile phone.

The Muslim ummah only need to input the total amount of wealth possessed, and the system will then calculate automatically. Then, it will

be declared whether one is eligible to pay zakaat or not. After that, one can proceed to make payment directly through various online platforms made available.

Coinciding with the objective to encourage and facilitate the Muslim ummah in fulfilling its zakaat obligation, beginning from the 15th of June until the 31st of July 2022 that had recently

passed, LZS had conducted Zakaat Assessment Month campaign for all Muslims in this state.

To obtain more details

Zakaat regarding **Assessment Month and all** calculations entailed, we can refer to LZS website at zakatselangor.com.my download the or onto ZakatSelangor app our mobile phones.

What is the outcome of the high zakaat collection for the Muslims in Selangor?

The answer is that it can benefit over half a million Muslims that are in need, especially from among the

poor, needy, mu'allaf (reverts), the sick, those studying in universities, and many more. For example, in 2021, with a zakaat collection of RM992.9 million, a total of RM929 million was

disbursed to the eight categories of asnaf recipients), (zakaat involving more than 60,000 families from among the poor, needy, and mu'allaf in various districts.

Zakaat collection also allows LZS to organize a plethora of programs in empowering the asnaf in Selangor. For example, monthly providing financial assistance, aid in paying off house rent,

house repair, medical costs, financial aid for primary, secondary, and tertiary education, student aid, guidance and shelter for asnaf beleaguered with social problems, organizing

education Islamic courses for new Muslims, providing business capital assistance for asnaf, financing or da'wah efforts, funding and many others.

To end the khutbah this time, the following are several pointers that can be taken as guidance:

1. The Muslim ummah must collectively assume the responsibility in deriving the accurate zakaat calculation or assessment, as stipulated by the Shara'.

2. The Muslim ummah must also realize that insulting, disobeying, violating, or disputing the command or instruction within any fataawa is an offense.

3. The Muslim ummah must fulfill its zakaah at any of LZS counters throughout the state, or through online medium and ZakatSelangor app so as to ensure that it will effectively benefit its recipients.

"Do they not know that it is Allah who accepts repentance from His servants and receives charities and that it is Allah who is the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful?"

(at-Tawbah 9:104)

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).

O Allah, bestow upon us rizq that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for they are betrayals upon the trust given.

