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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ
يَجْعَلْ لَهُ وِعْجًا ۝١¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ۝١٠٢²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I sincerely call upon all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us give full attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not talk or speak and get carried away with the mobile phone. May this *khutbah* bring about benefit to us all.

¹ al-Kahf 18:1.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



The *khutbah* today will discuss upon the splendor of al-Qur'an, titled **"PRESERVING THE SANCTITY OF AL-QUR'AN IS A COLLECTIVE DUTY."**

Dear Friday audience,

Al-Qur'an is the *kalaam* (Word) of Allah that was revealed to our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the Arabic language, through the intermediary of angel Jibreel 'Alayhissalaam, conveyed in a *mutawaatir* (successive) manner, beginning with soorah al-Faatihah and ending with soorah an-Naas, and its recitation is *'ibaadah* (worship).

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has revealed al-Qur'an as guidance for mankind, as He mentions in the second verse of soorah al-Baqarah:

ذَٰلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢﴾

"This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah."

Al-Qur'an also explains the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, the laws of life, and it is a *mu'jizah* (miracle) for all time. Verily, the revelation of al-Qur'an is a gift from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to all of us, and definitely we must remain grateful to Him as He mentions in verses 1 and 2 of soorah al-Kahf:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ عِوَجًا ﴿١﴾ قَيِّمًا
لِّيُنذِرَ بَأْسًا شَدِيدًا مِّن لَّدُنْهُ وَيُبَشِّرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ
لَهُمْ أَجْرًا حَسَنًا ﴿٢﴾



“[All] praise is [due] to Allah, who has sent down upon His Servant the Book and has not made therein any deviance. [He has made it] straight, to warn of severe punishment from Him and to give good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a good reward.”

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

One unique privilege of al-Qur'an when compared to other heavenly scriptures is that its divine texts are preserved by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah mentions in verse 9 of soorah al-Hijr:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾

“Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian.”

Verily, the *wahy* (revelation) that was sent down to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is always safeguarded in the best manner. The meticulousness in the writing of al-Qur'an with precision had actually begun from his very time. Every time he ﷺ would receive *wahy*, he would instruct to have them written by the appointed scribes from among the Companions *RadiyAllaahu 'anhum*. Among them was Zayd bin Thaabit *radiyAllaahu 'anh*. In one narration, it was mentioned that Zayd bin Thaabit said, what means:

“I used to write the revelation by the side of the Prophet ﷺ and he would read it to me. When I would finish writing, he ﷺ said: “Read to me what you wrote.” Then I would read it. If there is a mistake or a sentence that is not written, he ﷺ will correct it. Then I brought out the revelation to be read to the people.”

(at-Tabaraani)

Dear beloved Muslims,



The compilation of al-Qur'an first took place during the time of Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq *radiallahu 'anh*, which was after the battle of al-Yamaamah against the apostates. Many of the memorizers of al-Qur'an, who memorized it by heart, were martyred in that battle. Pondering upon such predicament, 'Umar bin al-Khattaab *radiallahu 'anh* made a suggestion to Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq *radiallahu 'anh* to initiate the compilation of al-Qur'an. After it was agreed upon, then the daunting task of compiling al-Qur'an was given to two Companions, namely 'Umar bin al-Khattaab *radiallahu 'anh* and Zayd bin Thaabit *radiallahu 'anh*. According to Imaam as-Suyooti, Zayd bin Thaabit *radiallahu 'anh* would not accept a verse of al-Qur'an unless if two witnesses testified that the verse had been written in front of Rasulullah ﷺ, and not merely written from memory.

During the reign of Caliph 'Uthmaan bin 'Affaan *radiallahu 'anh*, there were disputes in the recitation of al-Qur'an among the Muslims. Each one would claim that their recitation of al-Qur'an is most correct while others wrong. Hence, a *lajnah* (committee) was formed to produce a copy (manuscript) of al-Qur'an. That committee was comprised of Zayd bin Thaabit, Sa'eed bin al-'As, and 'Abdul Rahman bin Haarith. They made copies of al-Qur'an in several *mushafs* (books) where they were sent out to various Islamic cities along with a teacher. This was intended so the Muslim *ummah* would unite and not divide due to the recitation of al-Qur'an.

The writing of the *mushafs* after that would undergo through the same meticulous process, namely it is written and then revised with full scrutiny to ensure that all of the verses of al-Qur'an would be *saheeh* (authentic) and accurate.

Respected Muslims,

In Malaysia, the Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN) has been tasked to execute the enforcement and regulation relating to the texts and materials



pertaining to al-Qur'an through the Printing of Qur'anic Texts Act 1986 (APTQ 1986) (Act 326). Through the Checking and Assessment of Qur'anic Text Committee (Al-Qur'an *Tasheeh* Board), consisting of 35 members whom are memorizers of al-Qur'an and noted experts in the writing of al-Qur'an, they play the very role to verify the accuracy of every verse of al-Qur'an before they are printed out.

The committee's thoroughness in reviewing the drafted print of al-Qur'an involves several important matters, namely it must conform to *Rasm* (Script) 'Uthmaani according to the way of Abu Dawood Sulayman bin Najah and Abu 'Amru ad-Daani. Also, it must be based on the manuscript (*mushaf*) published in both Madeenah al-Munawwarah and al-Azhar University in Egypt. Only drafts that fully comply with the guidelines stipulated will be taken to the Qur'anic Printing Licensing and Control Board (LPPPQ) for the purpose of attaining the printing approval.

Dear beloved audience,

From the aspect of enforcement, KDN at the state level will carry out periodic monitoring at business premises, scheduled screening at printing and publishing companies, as well as integrated inspection based on complaints made at any of the premises. Therefore, with regulation and enforcement, the manuscripts that are spread throughout this country are preserved from errors and deviations.

The responsibility of maintaining the accuracy of printing al-Qur'an in Malaysia necessitates integrated cooperation between government agencies and the general public. To avoid any confusion, corruption, and falsification, the general masses must ensure that every *mushaf* bears the KDN approval stamp and KDN hologram sticker, as proof for printing validity according to the approval granted by the Qur'anic Printing Licensing and Control Board (LPPPQ), KDN. If found to be otherwise, then one may file a complaint to the



respective KDN state offices for the purpose of investigation, examination, and enforcement.

Dearest Muslims, respected fellow congregants,

Finally, let us altogether internalize upon the lessons from the sermon, as in the following:

1. The Muslims must remain certain that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will preserve al-Qur'an.
2. Muslims that are doubtful regarding the printing of al-Qur'an should refer to religious authorities and al-Qur'an *Tasheeh* Board, Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. It is *waajib* (obligatory) for the Muslim *ummah* to protect the sanctity of al-Qur'an.
4. The Muslims must always strive to learn al-Qur'an, comprehending and practicing upon its teachings, so that the Muslim *ummah* will live united and reject disunity.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
قُلِ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا لَبِثُوا لَهُ غَيْبُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَبْصِرُ بِهِ وَأَسْمِعُ
مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا يُشْرِكُ فِي حُكْمِهِ أَحَدًا ﴿٢٦﴾

“Say, “Allah is most knowing of how long they remained. He has [knowledge of] the unseen [aspects] of the heavens and the earth. How Seeing is He and how Hearing! They have not besides Him any protector, and He shares not His legislation with anyone.””

(al-Kahf 18:26)



بَارِكْ 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.

Dear blessed audience,

The atrocities in Palestine greatly screams for the true meaning of Islamic brotherhood that is solid and utmost belief in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. For that, I humbly implore the Muslim *ummah* to continue in supplicating to



Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in all five daily prayers beseeching for peace and wellbeing to be bestowed upon our Muslim brethren, and that their lands that were illegally seized to be returned with full rights granted.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ



عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظَفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا مُنْتَقِمُ يَا جَبَّارُ، اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
أَنْتَ، الْأَحَدُ الصَّمَدُ، الَّذِي لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ، وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ
كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ.

اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِالْيَهُودِ الْمُعْتَدِينَ، الَّذِينَ قَتَلُوا إِخْوَانَنَا
الْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي فِلَسْطِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِهِمْ، فَإِنَّهُمْ لَا
يُعْجِزُونَكَ، اللَّهُمَّ شَتَّتْ شَمْلَهُمْ وَفَرَّقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَاجْعَلِ
الدَّائِرَةَ عَلَيْهِمْ، اللَّهُمَّ أَحْصِهِمْ عَدَدًا، وَاقْتُلْهُمْ بَدَدًا، وَلَا
تُغَادِرْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا، اللَّهُمَّ أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَعَلَى مَنْ عَاوَنَهُمْ،
بَأْسَكَ الَّذِي لَا يُرَدُّ عَنِ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي
فِلَسْطِينَ. 2X

O Allah, O our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in
the land of Palestine, and wherever they may be. O Allah! Love them and have
mercy upon them, remove them from the oppression and hardship that they



have endured this while. O Allah! By Your Might, O Allah, accept our struggles and prayers as the reason for You to return their lands that was illegally taken. Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed. O Allah! Grant victory upon our Muslim brethren in Palestine. Bestow upon the Muslim fighters, as well as the Palestinians, strength and patience in enduring the cruelty of the enemy. O Allah! Restore peace in the land of Palestine and return the land to the Muslims.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِي نُحُورِ أَعْدَائِنَا، وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ.
اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّدْ شَمْلَهُمْ، وَفَرِّقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَشَتِّتْ كَلِمَتَهُمْ، وَزَلِّزْ
أَقْدَامَهُمْ، وَسَلِّطْ عَلَيْهِمْ كَلْبًا مِنْ كِلَابِكَ، يَا قَهَّارُ، يَا جَبَّارُ،
يَا مُنْتَقِمُ، يَا اللَّهُ. اللَّهُمَّ يَا مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَا مُجْرِيَ السَّحَابِ
وَيَا هَازِمَ الْأَحْزَابِ، إِهْزِمِ أَعْدَاءَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، إِهْزِمِهِمْ، إِهْزِمِهِمْ،
وَإَنْصِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عَلَيْهِمْ.

O Allah! 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
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.