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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ :...وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا ﴿٤﴾¹
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، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾²

Dear blessed audience,

I humbly remind myself and fellow congregants to always strive in having the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we become servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* whom He is pleased with in this world and the Hereafter.

On this very noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled “**THE SIN OF BACKBITING AND CURSING.**”

Dear respected Friday congregation,

¹ at-Talaaq 65:4.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



The Muslim *ummah* should not drag itself into the valley of sins and disgrace that will only result in grave loss when standing in front of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* later. In previous Friday sermons, the *khateeb* would always remind the Muslims upon the danger of backbiting, condemning, cursing, and abusing others, not to mention slandering, which is considered from among the major sins that is worse than killing. All of these type of acts and behaviors not only dishonors its doer, moreover it leads to long-lasting strife and enmity that affects the harmony of community living.

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor has always advised the Muslims to not fall into these heinous and reprehensible acts. His Majesty is worried that if the act of slandering and cursing one another is not curbed, division within the Muslim *ummah* specifically in Selangor will become severe and gets out of hand. Hurling *fitnah* (slander) and insult becomes even more rampant, without having fear and feeling shameful to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* every time when the election time comes, as if the election season is a festival that legitimizes the cursing, backbiting, and slandering of one another for the sake of garnering votes from the *rakyat*.

His Highness the Sultan of Selangor had also reminded when dissolving the Selangor State Legislative Assembly on the 19th of June recently that all issues pertaining to race, religion, and the Royal Institution should not be used as campaign materials. His Majesty firmly asserted on this matter so that disputes and conflicts among Muslims will not occur and that race relations within this Nation will not be affected. Islam greatly prioritize on harmonious living within the society and emphasizes upon its adherents to always be kind to fellow Muslims and remain tolerant to non-Muslims according to the stipulations, limitations, and *akhlaaq* (character) allowed in Islam.

Dearest beloved audience,



Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had reminded us in verse 11 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرْ قَوْمٌ مِّن قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ وَلَا نِسَاءٌ مِّن نِّسَاءٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِّنْهُنَّ وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِاللِّقَبِّ بِئْسَ الْأَسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ وَمَن لَّمْ يَتُبْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿١١﴾

“O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name of disobedience after [one’s] faith. And whoever does not repent - then it is those who are the wrongdoers.”

The Federal Constitution has guaranteed Islam as the official religion of the Federation and it will remain enshrined, unable to be challenged by any quarter. The King and the Sultan have their very role as the Head of Islam in their respective states and they must be respected and obeyed, whether one likes it or not, for as long as they obey the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and do not command for disobedience. The Sultan is the umbrella that protects all of the subjects under His auspices. This is based on the narration of the Prophet ﷺ that was narrated by ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*:

عَلَى الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ فِيمَا أَحَبَّ وَكَرِهَ، إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمَرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ، فَإِنْ أُمِرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ، فَلَا سَمْعَ وَلَا طَاعَةَ

“It is obligatory upon a Muslim that he should listen (to the ruler appointed over him) and obey him whether he likes it or not, except



that he is ordered to do a sinful thing. If he is ordered to do a sinful act, a Muslim should neither listen to him nor should he obey his orders."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

The laws of our country have also stipulated provisions for offenses upon those that slanders, insults the Royal Institution, as well as causing strife within the multi-racial society of this nation, with the likes of the Sedition Act, Penal Code, and the Communications and Multimedia Act. Therefore, I would like to remind the Muslims to always remain vigilant upon the words that one utters and not end up as described by the Malay Proverb, '*terlajak perahu boleh diundur, terlajak kata buruk padahnya*' (meaning: a word spoken is past recalling).

Dear blessed audience,

Throughout the duration of the state elections (PRN), all candidates and supporters are reminded that the campaigning period is not a license for one to backbite, curse, insult, abuse, and slander others at will. Let us remind ourselves that all of the rulings legislated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will remain in effect in all situations, and that there can be no reason to legitimize those prohibitions. Take heed and be fearful of the severe torment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that awaits in the Hereafter. Indeed, the promise of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to punish and torture those that backbite and slander is true and cannot at all be deemed as trivial.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 10 and 11 of soorah al-Qalam:

وَلَا تُطِعْ كُلَّ حَلَّافٍ مَّهِينٍ ﴿١٠﴾ هَمَّازٍ مَّشَّاءٍ بِنَمِيمٍ ﴿١١﴾

"And do not obey every worthless habitual swearer. [And] scorner, going about with malicious gossip."



In addition, it was narrated on the authority of Hudhayfah *radiallahu 'anh* that he heard Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ نَمَّامٌ

"The tale-bearer shall not enter Paradise."

(Muslim)

Hence, I sincerely remind all of the candidates and their supporters whom will be campaigning to not take advantage in degrading anyone or any particular groups, and always blaming others. Conduct political campaigns and talks with prudence by outlining policies that will be implemented in aiding the *rakyat* to overcome all of the problems that they are facing. All candidates must evaluate their capabilities and performance throughout their service to the people, and they must think of ways to better improve the economy and harmony of communities within his or her constituencies. Anything good possessed by the opponents must be taken as exemplary to be emulated in enhancing one's personal performance in order to benefit communities that one is entrusted with, specifically the Muslims.

To candidates who will become leaders, especially Muslim leaders, Islam has provided guidance and reminds its leaders to not abuse their position, rank, and authority for self-interest or the interests of certain groups. When the Muslim leader no longer possess *amaanah* (trustworthiness) and honesty, then the society that he leads become destroyed, causing the non-Muslims to look down upon Muslim leaders.

Aside from that, all residents of Selangor especially the administrators of *masaajid* and *suraus* are reminded to not at all allow the masjid or *surau* to become the avenue for propaganda and party politics. Any publications having political elements are prohibited from being distributed within the



vicinity of masjid or *sura* property, so what more with allowing political figures in using these premises for political purposes. *Masaajid* and *sura*s are zones that are peaceful and free from any element and influence of political parties, purely for the sake of preserving the harmony of the Muslims that are indulging in *'ibaadah* (worship) in the masjid and *sura*. Please allow the attendees and members of the local masjid and *sura* to perform their *'ibaadah* and attend religious lessons with tranquility. Trespassing and non-compliance upon this matter is clearly an irresponsible act and transgression upon the decree of His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor and the Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS) regulation. Actions can be taken against anyone that violates this provision according to the *Sharee'ah* Criminal Enactment (Selangor) 1995. Masjid or *sura* officials that are found involved will have their appointments invalidated by MAIS, according to the Regulations for Masjid and *Sura* (Selangor) 2017.

Esteemed audience,

To conclude this sermon, let us altogether ponder and derive lessons as follows:

1. Islam prohibits its adherents from slandering, backbiting, cursing, and insulting one another. These heinous acts will incur the wrath of Allah and they are from the major sins upon its doers. Take heed, for grave punishment from Allah awaits those committing these sins.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must truly comprehend that election is not a license to transgress against the *Shar'i* rulings or committing irresponsible acts by violating religious rulings and laws of the land.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must be well-informed that the masjid or *sura* is not a stage for politics. On the contrary, it is a house of worship for the Muslim *ummah* that must be free from elements and influence of political parties, which can rupture the unity of the Muslims.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
ذَلِكَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ أَنْزَلَهُوَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يُكَفِّرْ عَنْهُ
سَيِّئَاتِهِ وَيُعْظِمْ لَهُ أَجْرًا ﴿٥﴾

"That is the command of Allah, which He has sent down to you; and whoever fears Allah - He will remove for him his misdeeds and make great for him his reward."

(at-Talaaq 65:5)

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



وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ 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 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 الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا



المُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكِرْمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْضَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

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رَبَّنَا عَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.