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

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ! أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّه فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَّأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ ۞ 2

Dear blessed Muslims,

I call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. Let us give full attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not speak to others and do not toy around with our cellphones. May this *khutbah* benefit us all.

¹ al-An'aam 6:165

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



In conjunction with the 78th birthday of His Highness the Sultan of Selangor on the 11th of December 2023, let us reflect upon the *khutbah* that is to be conveyed titled "THE CUSTODIAN OF THE SANCTITY OF ISLAM."

Blessed Muslims,

Article 3(2) of the Federal Constitution stipulates the Ruler as the Head of Islam in his respective state, to the extent that is recognized and declared by the state constitution. As provisioned and stipulated in the Laws of the Constitution of Selangor 1959, Article 48, His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor is the Head of Religion of the State and that he can create laws to govern the affairs of the religion of Islam and established *Majlis Agama Islam Selangor* (Selangor Islamic Religious Council, MAIS) to aid and advice His Majesty in all matters pertaining to the religion of Islam.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 165 of Soorah al-An'aam that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

"And it is He who has made you successors upon the earth and has raised some of you above others in degrees [of rank] that He may try you through what He has given you. Indeed, your Lord is swift in penalty; but indeed, He is Forgiving and Merciful."

Dear blessed Muslims,

In accordance with that provision, the Administration of the Religion of Islam (state of Selangor) Enactment 2003 has been legislated to allocate jurisdiction and responsibilities to MAIS, as well as other Islamic agencies, upon the affairs of Islam and the Muslims in the state of Selangor.

MAIS was established under Section 4(1), carrying the role of an advisory body to His Highness the Sultan, and as the primary authority after His Majesty the Sultan in matters relating to Islam in Selangor, except for



matters regarding the determination of *Shara'* Rulings and the Administration of Justice.

The Enactment also allocates the for the function of MAIS in aiding and advicing His Majesty the Sultan in matters relating to Islamic affairs, MAIS' responsibilities and powers in governing Islamic affairs within the state. In implementing the policies and power of MAIS, *Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor* (Selangor Islamic Religious Department, JAIS) was established by the state government to aid in the implementation of MAIS' policies and powers.

While matters pertaining to the implementation of Islamic judicial functions and the administration of justice, MAIS has the role of advising His Highness the Sultan in the appointments of Chief *Sharee'ah* Court Judge, *Sharee'ah* Appeal Court Judges, and *Sharee'ah* High Court Judges, all under Section 56, 57, and 58, within the same Enactment. All matters regarding the establishment of the Court and *Sharee'ah* Court Judge appointments must be done through MAIS.

Furthermore, in matters pertaining to *Shara'* Rulings, His Majesty the Sultan is authorized to appoint the Mufti and Deputy Mufti for the state of Selangor in advising His Majesty the Sultan with regard to all matters of *Sharee'ah* Law. Section 46 stipulates that MAIS has the authority to appoint members of the *Fatwa* Committee. The *Fatwa* Committee has the power to issue *fataawa* on any matters that have yet to be determined or those that are controversial with regards to the *Shara'* Rulings, as provisioned under Section 47 of the Administration of the Religion of Islam (state of Selangor) Enactment 2003.

Esteemed audience,

The administration of Islamic affairs within the state government is through the Chairman of the Permanent Committee for Islamic Affairs (state



government Exco) who functions as the liaison officer between MAIS and the state government for the following matters:

- 1. Providing feedback and ensure that MAIS' policies regarding Islamic affairs can be implemented by the state government.
- 2. To ensure that the provision from the state government to JAIS, the Selangor Mufti Department, and the *Sharee'ah* Courts are utilized appropriately, in accordance with the purpose of the allocation given in the state of Selangor.
- 3. Providing feedback regarding policy formulation and its implementation pertaining Islamic affairs in the state of Selangor.

Dear blessed Muslims,

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah al-Haj, since taking the reign of the government has been very concerned regarding the implementation of Islamic principles, entities that are threatening the holiness of Islam, and ensuring the Muslims are always empowering their strength and unity. All of these matters have been carried out with very thorough consideration, equality, and justice for all residents. This adheres to what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 26 of Soorah Sad:

"[We said], "O David, indeed We have made you a successor upon the earth, so judge between the people in truth and do not follow [your own] desire, as it will lead you astray from the way of Allah.""



The Sultan of Selangor has instructed MAIS to defend the use of the *kalimah* (word) "Allah" and firmly asserted in his decree for all non-Muslim Selangor residents to conform and abide by the prohibition of using the *kalimah* Allah as stipulated in the Non-Islamic Religions (Control of Propagation Among Muslims) Enactment 1988 that was gazetted on July 7th, 1988.

This includes the usage of several more terms that are mentioned in the Non-Islamic Religions Enactment for the purpose of commercial use and naming a building or business area. His Majesty further decreed that the word Allah cannot be utilized wrongly or used to refer to other than The One and Only Almighty God, which is the very core of belief for the Muslim *ummah*.

Imaam al-Ghazzaali mentioned in his book al-Iqtisaad fee al-I'tiqaad:

"The religion is the foundation and the sultaan is its promulgator and protector. Any pillar without a foundation will be weak, and if not protected, it may crumble."

His Majesty is very concerned regarding the importance of unity and brotherhood among the Muslims in Selangor. He decreed during the Award Ceremony for the Certification of Appointment for *Masjid* Administrators and Imams in Selangor for the term 2023-2025 at Istana Alam Shah:

"I do not like for the masjid to be used as an arena for politics and political party's propaganda. The masjid must be a place that is free from any influence and elements of party politics. Religious lectures and classes conducted at the masjid must not be turned into a platform to insult, backbite, slander, and curse



anyone. If this happens, then it will cause prolonged conflict and will sever the bond of brotherhood among Muslims."

Dear beloved audience,

His Majesty's concern in strengthening the unity of the Muslims and preserving the harmony within the community in the state of Selangor has been revealed through sermons that were delivered on the *mimbar* (pulpit) of *masaajid*. For example, His Highness had repeated his reminder in a *khutbah* dated 21st July 2023, where the Sultan made mention upon the danger of backbiting, insulting, reviling, and cursing, what more with slandering where it is from among the major sins, deemed as worse than killing.

The Sultan of Selangor, who is also the Chairperson of the National Council for Islamic Affairs (MKI), is worried that if the heinous practice of hurling *fitnah* and swearing are not curbed, the division within the Muslim *ummah* specifically in Selangor will become increasingly severe and uncontrollable.

Narrated Tameem ad-Daariy radiyAllaahu 'anh that the Prophet said:

"The Religion is sincerity." We said, "To whom?" He said "To Allah, to His Book, To His Messenger, and to the leaders of the Muslims and their masses."

(Muslim)

Imaam al-Mawardi wrote in his book al-Ahkaam as-Sultaaniyyah:



"Imaamah (leadership) was formed to replace the prophetic function in order to maintain religion and regulate the world."

In conclusion, the governance of Islamic affairs in Selangor is based on the Laws of the Constitution of Selangor 1959 that is led by His Royal Highness the Sultan, aided by MAIS and the State Executive Council (MMKN) through various state agencies such as JAIS, Selangor Mufti Department, and Selangor *Sharee'ah* Judicial Department. The implementation of the responsibilities and functions of each of those agencies have been provisioned in the Administration of the Religion of Islam (state of Selangor) Enactment 2003.

As the scholars mentioned:

"The people are upon the religion of their leaders."

This statement succinctly manifests the reality of the society and this is what actually happens in most human lives. Hence, with the Sultan as role model, it will certainly have a profound effect upon his subjects.

Dear blessed Muslims,

To end this *khutbah*, let us altogether internalize upon its lessons as follows:

1. It is *waajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to strengthen its *imaan* (faith) in Allah and His Messenger.



- 2. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to obey the commands of a just ruler, especially in the affairs of the religion.
- 3. It is *waajib* for the Muslim *ummah* to emulate the personality of Rasulullah **3**.

أَعُوْذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيْمِ

وَعَدَ ٱللَّهُ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُواْ ٱلصَّلِحَتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا ٱسْتَخْلَفَ ٱلَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ ٱلَّذِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا ٱسْتَخْلَفَ ٱلَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ ٱلَّذِي اللَّهُمُ وَلَيْبَدِلَتَهُم مِّنُ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنَا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي الرَّتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيْبَدِلَتَهُم مِّنُ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنَا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي اللَّهُمْ وَلَيْبَدِلَتَهُم مِّنُ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنَا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْءًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَالِكَ فَأُولَيِكَ هُمُ ٱلْفَاسِقُونَ ٥

"Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient."

(Soorah an-Noor 24:55)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ.



أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْلهَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْلُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِيْ جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. أَمَّا وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللهِ! إِتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ اللهِ! إِتَّقُونَ اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ اللهُ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ 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 ٱللَّهَ وَمَلْيِكَتَهُ و يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَاأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ عَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسُليمًا ٥

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيْعٌ قَرِيْبٌ مُجِيْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ



الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإسلام وَالْلُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْلُسْدِعَةَ وَالْلُشْرِكِيْنَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بعَيْن عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّم، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزبز شاه اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تعْكو أَمِير شَاه اِبْن السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحج، فِيْ أَمْنِ وَصَلاَح وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْن لِلْمُوَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَربِقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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 عَزِيْزُ يَا مُنْتَقِمُ يَا جَبَّارُ، اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الجَلَالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ، اللَّهُمَّ يَا فَا الجَلَالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللهُ، اَلَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، اَلْأَحَدُ اللهُمَّ إِنَّا نَشْهَ لَهُ كُفُوا أَحَدُ. الصَّمَدُ، اَلَّذِي لَمُ كُفُوا أَحَدُ.

اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِالْهُودِ الْمُعْتَدِيْن، اَلَّذِيْنَ قَتَلُوا إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ فِيْ فِلَسْطِيْنَ ، اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِمِمْ، فَإِنَّهُمْ لاَ يُعْجِزُونَكَ ، اللَّهُمَّ شَتِتْ فِلَسْطِيْنَ ، اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِمِمْ، فَإِنَّهُمْ لاَ يُعْجِزُونَكَ ، اللَّهُمَّ أَحْصِبِمْ شَلَمُ لَهُمْ وَفَرِقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَاجْعَلِ الدَّائِرَةَ عَلَيْمِمْ، اللَّهُمَّ أَحْصِبِمْ عَدَدًا، وَقَرَقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَاجْعَلِ الدَّائِرَةَ عَلَيْمِمْ، اللَّهُمَّ أَحْصِبِمْ عَدَدًا، وَلَا تُعَادِرْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا، اللَّهُمَّ أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْمِمْ وَعَلَى مَنْ عَاوَنَهُمْ، بَأَسَكَ الَّذِي لَا يُرَدُّ عَنِ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِيْنَ وَالمُجَاهِدِيْنَ وَالمُسْتَضْعَفِيْنَ فِي اللَّهُمَّ انْصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالمُجَاهِدِيْنَ وَالمُسْتَضْعَفِيْنَ فِي اللَّهُمَّ انْصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالمُجَاهِدِيْنَ وَالمُسْتَضْعَفِيْنَ فِي

اللهُمُّ انصُرُ إِخْوَانِنَا الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُجَاهِدِيْنَ وَالْمُسْتَضَعَفِيْنَ فِي فَلَسْطِين. 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! 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 أَعْدَاءِنَا، وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ. اللَّهُمَّ بَدِدْ شَمْلَهُم، وفَرِّقْ جَمْعَهُم وشَتِّتْ كَلِمَتَهُمْ، وزَلْزِلْ أَقْدَامَهُمْ، وسَلِّطْ عَلَيْمِمْ كَلْبًا مِنْ كِلَابِكَ، يَا قَهَّالٌ، يَا جَبَّالٌ، يَا مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَا مُجْرِى السَّحَابِ يَا مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَا مُجْرِى السَّحَابِ وَيَا مُؤْرِمَ الْأَحْزَابِ، إهْزِمْ أَعْدَاءَ المُسْلِمِيْنَ، إهْزِمْهُمْ، إهْزِمْهُمْ، وَانْصُرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ الْمُؤْمِهُمْ، الْمُؤمِمْ، وَانْصُرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ عَلَيْهِمْ.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحَنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.