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## "THE SANCTITY OF THE WORD ALLAH THE ALMIGHTY"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَلَيْنَ سَأَلْتَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ إِنَّمَا كُنَّا نَخُوضُ وَنَلْعَبُ

قُلْ أَبِاللَّهِ وَعَايَاتِهِ وَرَسُولِهِ كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾<sup>1</sup>

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 ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly remind myself and respected audience to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all become among the servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* whom He is pleased with in this world and the Hereafter.

On this glorious day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled: "**THE SANCTITY OF THE WORD ALLAH THE ALMIGHTY.**"

<sup>1</sup> at-Tawbah 9:65.

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102



## **Respected Friday audience,**

Recently, the Muslims were stunned with the issue of using the word Allah whereby this issue had actually persisted for a while and there have been resolutions made and decided with regard to it. His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, as the Head of Islam in the state of Selangor had forbade the utilization of the word Allah in publications related to Christianity in the state of Selangor. His Majesty asserted that the use of the word Allah in the Bahasa Malaysia translation of the Bible or any type of publications and writings related to Christianity in any form whatsoever, are still prohibited within the state of Selangor. His Majesty's decree was based on the decision made by the Selangor *Fatwa* Committee regarding the demand made by the Christians in using the word Allah, which was gazetted on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2010.

At the same time, the Non-Islamic Religions (Control of Propagation Among Muslims) Enactment 1988 has been enforced in the state of Selangor stipulating that the use of the word Allah is an offense when utilized by adherents of religion other than Islam. This is further strengthened with the legal position related to the ban and prohibition on the use of the word Allah upheld by the Federal Court of Malaysia in 2014 in the case of the *Home Minister v. Titular Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur*. In this very case, the court ruled that the word Allah cannot be used in Christian publications.

## **Dear respected Friday congregants,**

The word Allah is not the translation for the word 'God' in Bahasa Malaysia. On the contrary, the word that befits the translation is '*tuhan*' or '*dewa*'. If one is to refer to dictionaries, one will find that the word 'Allah' refers to the name of God for the Muslims, the only God worthy of worship in



the religion of Islam, or that it is the name of God originating from Arabic that is referred to by all Muslims regardless of their mother tongue. There is a reason put forth stating that the use of the word Allah is demanded for it is used in the Arabic and Bahasa Indonesia version of the Bible. In reality, it was a mistake from early translation works. The proof is that the English Bible does not utilize the word Allah at all, but instead uses the word 'God' referring to God the Father and 'Lord' referring to God the Son. Therefore, why does one want to translate the word 'God' with the word Allah? With that, the use of the word Allah by religions other than Islam is a contradiction to the very concept of the Oneness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and it can lead to confusion among Muslims.

The word Allah is a proper noun that refers to God in the religion of Islam. When it is a proper noun, then it is specific, special, and determined or allocated for its nominee. It is unlike common nouns that can be used in general such as god, humans or animals. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is the name of God for the Islamic faith. Hence, does the religion that demands to use the word Allah not have a name for their god?

The entity that is named with a proper noun has its very own identity, characteristics, and attributes that introduces or distinguishes itself from others. For example, a house of worship is a common noun that is shared by all, but terminologies such as masjid, church, and gurdwara are words that have identity that distinguishes itself from others. Therefore, is it rational that the word Allah can be referred to two gods with differing concepts and identities?

**Dear blessed congregation,**

The concept of godliness or divinity is the very essence that distinguishes one religion from another. The identity and attributes of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, the Divine Being that is worshipped by the



Muslims, have been comprehensively mentioned in the entire soorah al-Ikhlaas. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿١﴾ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٢﴾ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ﴿٣﴾ وَلَمْ  
يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴿٤﴾

**“Say, “He is Allah, [who is] One, Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born, nor is there to Him any equivalent.””**

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is The Almighty God, the One or Unique. According to *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah*, the Oneness (*Tawheed*) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is in His Essence (*Dhat*), Attributes, and Actions. The Oneness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in His Essence means that there is no fraction (لَا قِسْمَ لَهُ) or equivalent to Him. The Oneness in His Essence is *mutlaq* (absolute), not meaning one having two elements or one having three elements. The Oneness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in His Attributes means that there is nothing like unto Him (لَا شَيْئَةَ لَهُ) or no comparison to Him. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is not Almighty God having human-like attributes and there is no human being possessing His Attributes. The Oneness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in His Actions means there is no associate of Him (لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ) or nothing matches Him. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had firmly stated in al-Qur'an, in verse 73 of soorah al-Maa'idah:

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهُ  
وَاحِدٌ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ  
أَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٣﴾



***“They have certainly disbelieved who say, “Allah is the third of three.” And there is no god except one God. And if they do not desist from what they are saying, there will surely afflict the disbelievers among them a painful punishment.”***

This verse clearly indicates that one becomes a *kaafir* (disbeliever) when stating gods other than Allah as Allah. This means that the word Allah cannot be used for gods other than Allah The Almighty, which leads to *kufr* (disbelief).

### **O respected Muslims,**

The Federal Constitution and the Laws of the Constitution of Selangor have placed Islam as the official religion of the Federation and this state. This is a legal guarantee and it becomes the main principle within the government policy and religious authorities in protecting the *‘aqeedah* and Islamic *Sharee‘ah*.

With policies that preserve the interests of Islam, the Muslims must take full advantage in increasing their religious practice and manifest upright Islamic *akhlaaq* (character), as well as reflecting the beauty of Islam within the society, organization, and nationhood. Non-Muslim societies must respect the religion of Islam and the Muslims, just as the Muslims respect the belief of the non-Muslims. Avoid at all costs any matters, issues, or questions that touches upon the sensitivities and beliefs within the multi-faith society of this country.

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor firmly asserted in his decree that His Majesty always emphasizes the citizens to respect the religious beliefs of everyone and not meddle upon the sensitivity of other religions, which could destroy racial unity within the state of Selangor. If the Muslims can respect adherents of other religion by not interfering in matters pertaining to their faith, then His Majesty also urges adherents of religions other than



Islam to respect the adherents of Islam specifically in the utilization of the word Allah, which is from the main beliefs of the Muslims.

### O noble audience,

To end this *khutbah*, let us altogether internalize and derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must truly comprehend that the word Allah is an honorable speech (لَفْظُ الْجَلَالَةِ) whose sacredness must be safeguarded from being mocked, ridiculed, or misused.

2. The Muslims must know that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is The One God in His Essence, Attributes, and Actions (*af'ala*) with the explanation that there is no equivalent, comparison, and rival to Him.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
ذَلِكَمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَأَعْبُدُوهُ وَهُوَ عَلَى  
كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴿١٠٢﴾

**“That is Allah, your Lord; there is no deity except Him, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He is Disposer of all things.”**

(al-An'aam 6:102)

بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ  
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ 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'ala* 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  
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ اعِزَّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ  
الْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِقَوْلِي عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى 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 *masajid* 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، اذْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

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رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢١﴾  
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.