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I sincerely remind all of us to altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with the truest of taqwa by fulfilling all of

His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions, as well as preserving our 'aqeedah so that we will always attain rahmah (mercy) from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

The khutbah today will discuss upon a topic which is:



Nikaah (matrimony) one of the 'ibaadah (worship) commanded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and it is also from among the main sunnah of Prophet Muhammad Nikaah is also enjoined as

an effort in maintaining the silaaturrahm (ties of kindship) and the lineage of an individual in the future, in addition to establishing a blissful family in this world and the Hereafter.

intention and With pure objectives, the Islamic Sharee'ah has stipulated that it is waajib (obligatory) for every marriage conducted to fulfill its required arkaan (pillars) and shuroot (conditions)

so that the main of the objective marriage will coincide with one of the element of Magaasid ash-Sharee 'ah, namely "preserving the nasab (lineage)," and actually

implemented in the life of a family.

Therefore, as Muslims, specifically the residents in the state of Selangor, we must be cognizant that the marriage affairs

conducted must be in accordance with the laws regulations and stipulated by the religious authorities so as to ensure that every 'aqd (marriage nikaah contract) fulfills the

rulings of *Shara*, for the benefit of the husband, wife, and family members.

Of late, we often hear that more and more Muslims in Malaysia, specifically those in Selangor, have

performed their marriage contract abroad such as in Thailand, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and other nations, where some of the 'aqd nikaah performed had obtained

permission from entrusted authorities such as various State Religious Islamic Departments in Malaysia, but sadly there were marriages conducted without obtaining

permission beforehand.

Various reasons have been identified as the cause for nikaah to be performed abroad, and there are marriages that were performed without

permission also known as "syndicated marriage," among them:

1. Engaging in polygamy without permission on the grounds that it is much easier without going

through court procedures and without their wives' knowledge, whereas polygamy is recommended in building a wider family network with love and affection among family members;

2. Claiming that wali nasab (legal guardian) refused or disagreed in giving consent, while this matter can be resolved by applying for wali haakim or raja (guardian authorized by His Majesty

Yang di-Pertuan Agong, the Sultan or Ruler) at the Lower Sharee'ah Court and it is far more easier and safer than adverse long-term effect;

3. Unmarried couple including those that have become pregnant. Hence, they assume that getting married outside of the country will conceal their shame, while in reality every

sinful deed necessitates tawbah (repentance) and readiness to shoulder the responsibility with the birth of the illegitimate child;

4. Those married to foreign spouse thinking that it is convenient because one does not need permission from those responsible for that foreign spouse, while the registration process for

unauthorized marriage consumes a long time and will usually cause difficulty in obtaining visa to continue living in this country;

5. Malaysians living abroad due to studies or always employment assume that it is unnecessary to obtain permission from the authority, while various facilities are made

available in obtaining consent for marriage.

Do we actually realize or perhaps we just do not know that there are a plethora of problems that will surface due to having

unauthorized marriage contract performed abroad. Have we thoroughly pondered upon its good and bad? Are we ready to deal with the marriage registration process in this country?

Are we ready to endure the various problems that will usually cause heavy stress within the household? Or do we not care at all with what will happen for as long as our objective is achieved that

some are even willing to transgress against the Sharee'ah of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and the law of the land! O Muslims! Think with a sane mind and a clear heart and with humility

before wanting to try and pursue it.

I also would like to clarify that among the danger of conducting unauthorized nikaah abroad syndicated marriage are;

marriage 1. The registration process will consume a long time for it involves documentation and proceedings for reregistration, which requires verification from the Court and it gets

more complicated if documents provided are inadequate or forged;

2. If the marriage is not

registered, then there will be no valid Marriage Certificate and we must realize that Marriage

Certificate is vital in our lives as husbands and wives. Without it, we will be unable to register our children's birth as we would normally do, hence causing the status of citizenship and

legitimation be to unascertained. **Matters** medical regarding treatment and educational affairs also will become problematic if one does not have citizenship status;

3. One will face problem when renewing visa to continue living in this country that in the end one is forced to travel in and out of the country, which will require high financial cost;

management 5. Estate be affected will also because the relevant party will be unable to produce recognized marriage documentation;

6. Various claims in court such as divorce, legitimation of children, alimony, child custody, rights of polygamous wives, marital wealth, and others cannot be pursued if one fails to

produce recognized Marriage Certificate.

6. It must also be remembered that the most painful matter is when the court finds the nikaah conducted abroad is

invalid for not having fulfilled the rulings of Shara', hence the marriage will be dissolved.

The fighi maxim states:

الأصل في الأبضاع التّحريمُ

"In principle, intimacy is prohibited."

Legal action in with accordance the Islamic Family Law **Enactment** (Selangor) 2003 can be imposed for without marriage permission, which is punishable with a

RM1000 fine or six-month imprisonment or both, if found guilty. Among the offenses that will be imposed with fines are Section 124 for polygamy without consent, Section 40 for unauthorized

marriage contract, Section for late 31 marriage registration, and Section 134 for complicity in conducting the marriage.

Realizing upon the reality of the danger in unauthorized marriage conducted abroad or syndicated marriage, it is waajib upon the Muslims to take the following lessons:

1. Nikaah must be done according to the Shara' rulings and all rules that have been stipulated by the ruler, for the sake of family life with mawaddah (affection), rahmah, sakeenah (tranquility),

and always attaining the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. Marriage that is conducted by not adhering to the law will

cause various problems and incur loss upon many parties especially the husband and the wife, for not possessing Marriage valid Certificate.

3. The laws enacted are not meant to impose difficulties upon anyone, moreover the main purpose for the Islamic Family Law Enactment (Selangor) 2003 to be

enforced is to preserve the welfare of the wife and children in the years to come.

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought."

(ar-Room 30:21)

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).

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,



