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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّهَ 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. اللَّهُمَ

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

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ ثُقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوثُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسۡلِمُونَ ٢٠٢ ٢

Dear blessed Muslims,

I sincerely implore 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 undivided attention to the khutbah that is to be delivered. Let us not speak and fiddle with our cellular phones. May this sermon benefit all of us.

¹ Aal 'Imraan 3:26.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



I call upon fellow respected audience to give full attention in pondering upon today's *khutbah* titled "THE SOVEREIGN KING, WITH ALL LOVE, HIS DECREE OBEYED."

Dear beloved audience,

Allah has made as *fitrah* (natural disposition) upon mankind to live in a community, having leaders, as well as the subjects being led. If we were to traverse through the history of human civilization from the past, we find that all would have *dawlah* (sovereignty) or government that is led by chosen individuals from among them. Whichever method of determining leaders or the enthroned king, the reality is that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is the One that determines which leadership will be entrusted upon a particular land or nation. This was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 26 of Soorah Aal 'Imraan, which was recited during the early part of the *khutbah*:

"Say, "O Allah, Owner of Sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whom You will and You take sovereignty away from whom You will. You honor whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent.""

In our country, the highest structure of government is under the patronage of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, who acts as the Head of State. According to the Federal Constitution, Article 32(1) stipulates that His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is the



Ketua Utama Negara (Head of State) for Malaysia. As the Ketua Utama Negara, His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is the Supreme Head of the Federation who has higher priority over others, in addition to possessing authority that is broad and significant in stabilizing the nation, as well as carrying out the affairs of the Federal Government.

As law abiding citizens, we must uphold the sovereignty of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and pour all of our obedience unto His Highness as the Ruler or "Ulil Amri", and honor him, for it is from among the religious commands. Hence, this is the very responsibility and obligation that complements one another, for it will bear results that are comprehensive for all.

Abu Bakrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that Rasulullah # said:

"The Sultaan is the shadow of Allah on earth, so whoever honors him), Allah will honor him, and whoever despises him, Allah will despise him."

(al-Bayhaqi)

The shadow of Allah on earth is a parable in depicting the grave and heavy responsibility of the sultaan in ensuring that the Islamic Sharee'ah is comprehended, internalized, and practiced by the masses, as well as ensuring the perfection of Islam, where societies



can live in peace in an independent nation. Even though sometimes the decree of the Ruler is incompatible with our views and liking, however for as long as the decision adheres to the *Shar'i* ruling, as well as preserving the interest of the Muslim *ummah* as a whole, then it becomes *waajib* (obligatory) to be adhered and obeyed by all citizens. It was narrated on the authority of 'Abdullah bin 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that Rasulullah # said:

"A Muslim has to listen to and obey (the order of his Ruler) whether he likes it or not, as long as his orders involve not one in disobedience (to Allah), but if an act of disobedience (to Allah) is imposed one should not listen to it or obey it."

(al-Bukhaari)

Abiding by the command and decree of the Ruler is an obligation in Islam, in ensuring the stability and harmony of a nation is successfully achieved and preserved. How can a state or country remain tranquil and enjoy peaceful living if the citizens and leaders are always at each other's throat and blaming one another? Imaam al-Muzani *Rahimahullaah* stated in his book titled *Sharh as-Sunnah*:

الطَّاعَةُ لِأُوْلِي الأَمْرِ فِيْمَا كَانَ عِنْدَ اللهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ مَرْضِيًّا، وَاجْتِنَابُ مَا كَانَ عِنْدَ اللهِ مُسْخِطًا



"Obedience to the Ruler in whatever is pleasing to Allah (عزوجل) and remaining far away from whatever is displeasing to Him."

If there are wrongdoings or shortcomings committed by the leader that is personal in nature, or without involving oppression upon the citizens, then he must be reprimanded with wisdom and politeness, not by taking up arms and causing chaos, which will only result in losses to the people and the nation itself. Understanding the importance of obeying the King as the Ruler, Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh once narrated from Rasulullah ## where he ## said:

مَنْ أَطَاعَنِي فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ يَعْصِنِي فَقَدْ عَصَى اللَّهَ وَمَنْ يَعْصِنِ الأَمِيرَ فَقَدْ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ الأَمِيرَ فَقَدْ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ الأَمِيرَ فَقَدْ عَصَانِي.

"Whoso obeys me obeys Allah, and whoso disobeys me disobeys Allah. Whoso obeys the Ruler obeys me, and whoso disobeys the Ruler disobeys me."

(Muslim)

Referring to this *hadeeth*, it clearly depicts the importance of obedience to the Ruler, and the severe threat upon those that disobey the decree of a sovereign King, and also the heavy responsibility shouldered by the leader of the Muslim *ummah*.

Dear beloved Muslims,



Living in nationhood, we must not only focus upon the intent and objective in this worldly life alone, but at the same time, we must always seek the opportunity to attain blissfulness in the Hereafter. Whether one is a king or citizen, both have the opportunity to attain the reward of Paradise of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in nationbuilding. 'Iyaad bin Hamar at-Tameemi *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated that Rasulullah said:

"The people of Paradise are three kinds: an authority who is fair, truthful, and guided, a man who has mercy and kindness in his heart towards his relatives and every Muslim, and one who is chaste and gives charity."

(al-Bazzaar)

Dear respected Muslims,

As citizens of Malaysia, specifically the Muslim *ummah* in this country, we are truly grateful for having been bestowed with a Ruler that is just and having concerns upon the problems faced by the citizens. Under the reign of His Royal Highness the Yang di-Pertuan Agong as the Head of State, he was successful in carrying out the responsibility of leading the nation's leadership well, at a time when the citizens were afflicted with *museebah* (calamities) and enduring



the agony of life, wading through the great trial of Covid-19 Pandemic, which was not at all expected. He had utilized his intelligence in overcoming and balancing political stability of the country, which once had gone through challenging times, with full wisdom and justice.

Giving full obedience to the Ruler, does not mean that we as regular citizen cannot reprimand and voice out in building a better future. For this reason, there are avenues that are befitting and appropriate to be pursued, and avoid from pouring out everything on the social media, and creating immoral provocation that can tarnish the image of this nation in the eyes of the world. Let us not only question, what can this nation contribute to us? However, let us ask ourselves, what are our contributions to the religion, people, and nation. The wise ones have stated: the King and the ministers are in consensus, just like the garden with barb wired fence, with the hearts firm with the King, a sign that any task will be accomplished, he judges the people with justice, a sign that the King has attained guidance.

Dear beloved audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, I implore and invite all Muslims to internalize upon the following lessons, as guidance for us all:

1. As citizens, we must be grateful upon the favor of being bestowed with a nation that has Constitutional Monarchy, which is



very unique and always safeguarding the interest and greatness of Islam.

- 2. As the head of the family, we must educate our children's generation so that they will respect the Malaysian Royal Institution as the umbrella of the nation, that the nation attains progress and stability in the years to come.
- 3. The Muslim *ummah* must obey their King unconditionally, for this obedience is a command from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوْذُ بِاللهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيْمِ
لَيْ أَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوۤاْ أَطِيعُواْ ٱللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُواْ ٱلرَّسُولَ وَأُوْلِي ٱلْأَمْرِ
مِنكُمُ فَإِن تَنَٰزَ عَتُمۡ فِي شَيۡء فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى ٱللّهِ وَٱلرَّسُولِ إِن كُنتُمۡ تُؤۡمِنُونَ
بِٱللّهِ وَٱلۡيَوۡمِ ٱلۡأَخِرَ ذَٰلِكَ خَيۡرٌ وَأَحۡسَنُ تَأُويِلًا ٥٩

"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result."

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:59)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ قِلْ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلا وَتَهُ، فِيْهُ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلا وَتَهُ، 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، إتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَإِزَ الْمُثَقُونَ.

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 وَمَلَٰئِكَتَهُ يُصِلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَٰأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ صِلُّواْ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسَلِّيمًا ٥٦

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 وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَيِّدْ بِدَوَامِ التَّوْفِيْقِ وَالْهِدَايَةِ وَالصِّحَّةِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ مَلِكَنَا كَبَاوه دولي يغ مها موليا سري قدوك بكيندا يغ دقرتوان اكوغ، السُلْطَان عَبْدُ الله رِعَايَةُ الدِّيْن المُصْطَفَى بِالله شَاه ابْنِ المُصْطَفَى بِالله شَاه ابْنِ المرحوم سُلْطَان حَاجٍ أَحْمَد شَاه المُسْتَعِيْن بِالله.

وَكَذَلِكَ كَبَاوِه دُولِي يَعْ مَهَا مُولِيا سَرِي قَدُوكُ بَكْيندا راج قُرمايسوري اكُوغ، تُونكو (Tunku) عَزِيْزَة أَمِيْنَة مَيْمُونَة إِسْكَنْدَرِيَة بِنْتِ الْمَرْحُوْم المُتَوَكِّلْ عَلَى الله سُلْطَان إِسْكَنْدَر الحَاج.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ بَلَدَنَا مَالِيزِيَا آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا، سَخَاءً رَخَاءً، دَارَ عَدْلٍ وَإِيْمَانٍ، وَامْنِ وَأَمَانٍ، وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِغَيْنِ بِأَسْمَآئِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُطْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُطْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا عِنَايَتِكَ الرّبَّانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه المحج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه



الحج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلْمَة مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تعْكو أَمِير شَاه اِبْنِ السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحج، فِيْ أَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمك يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبلِّغْ مَعْرَهُمَا لِطَرِيق الْهُدَى وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبلِغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيق 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 دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرضَ وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحَنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنَ أَزُولِجِنَا وَذُرِّ يَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعَيُنٍ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ٧٤

رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي ٱلْأَخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ ٢٠١ عِبَادَ اللهِ إِنَّ ٱللهَ يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدْلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَٰنِ وَإِيتَآيٍ ذِي ٱلْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَاءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغْيِّ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ٩٠

فَاذْكُرُواْ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.