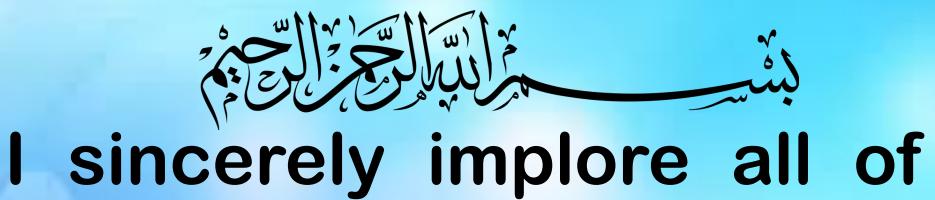


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us to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of

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.

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

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Allah has made as fitrah disposition) (natural 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 dawlah have (sovereignty) 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 humble You You will. In whom Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent.""

country, the In our 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 obligation and 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 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 preserving the as 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:

"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 shortcomings or 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, Hurayrah Abu radiyAllaahu 'anh once narrated from Rasulullah where he Said:

"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 it clearly hadeeth, 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.

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)

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 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.

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 Wa Subhaanahu Ta'aala.

have "O you who 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 you Messenger, if should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result."

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:59)

## 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! 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,



