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"THANK YOU, DEAREST ZAKAAT PAYER"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ صَفًا
كَأَنَّهُمْ بُنِينَ مَرْصُوصٍ ﴿٤﴾¹

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، يَا 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﴾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 fully focus on the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not talk during the *khutbah* and do not twiddle with our cellular phones. May this *khutbah* benefit all of us.

¹ as-Saff 61:4.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Today I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled **"THANK YOU, DEAREST ZAKAAT PAYER."**

Dear beloved Friday audience,

Since the establishment of Selangor *Zakaat* Center in 1994, which was later renamed to Selangor *Zakaat* Board in 2006, it has become the lone institution that administers *zakaat* affairs in the state of Selangor on behalf of Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS), which was appointed to represent His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor in religious affairs. On that basis, in reality, Selangor *Zakaat* Board is the *'aamil* (*zakaat* collector) that has been appointed as the representative of *Ulil Amri* (ruler), which is His Majesty, in ensuring that the *'ibaadah* (worship) of *zakaat* can be performed well and in an organized manner within this state.

There has been many innovations, modernization, and improvements within *zakaat* management that have been implemented from time to time, whether in *zakaat* collection, the aspect of *zakaat* disbursement, *asnaf* (recipient) empowerment, and even *zakaat* management in the general sense. It covers the aspects of *fatawa*, the utilization of technology, and the application of effective corporate governance that coincides with *Sharee'ah* standards and guidelines.

In the area of *zakaat* collection, for example, along with the cooperation with Selangor *Fatwa* Committee (JKFNS), various *fatawa* regarding the rulings and contemporary *zakaat* issues have been released from time to time, in meeting the needs of Muslims in Selangor. This was proven in the year 2002, where the *Fatwa* on *Zakaat* from Income was issued for the first time, and it was further improved several times between the year 2010 and 2017. Furthermore, in 2021, *Fatwa* on *Zakaat* from Digital Wealth (Crypto Currency) has been scrutinized and presented to the general public. This matter



indicated the seriousness of Selangor *Zakaat* Board in the wake of changing times.

In the face of new technological changes, Selangor *Zakaat* Board has integrated the sophistication of the existing technology in facilitating for *zakaat* payment and distribution. What happens today is that the *E-Zakaat Online* (EZO) application has been launched and it facilitates both parties, namely the *zakaat* payer and the *asnaf* receiving *zakaat* aid. All *zakaat* assessments, transactions, and previous records can be checked and referenced by app users with ease. For *zakaat* aid applicants, they can check their *zakaat* application status and follow up with necessary actions in the event if their applications turn out to be problematic.

Similarly in the aspect of governance, *zakaat* management employs corporate management techniques that emphasizes on efficiency, credibility, and extends into the future (futuristic), as well as complying with *Sharee'ah* standards and regulations. Prioritizing upon the affairs of *zakaat* disbursement, the Selangor *Zakaat* Board would always delve into finding the best form of assistance to be given, in fulfilling the needs of the *asnaf* in the long run, and how is it able to help build their lives independently and constructively according to the rules and guidance of the *Shara'*.

Hence, several actions were pursued in focusing on *zakaat* distribution in the form of economic, social, and educational programs that focuses on skill building, knowledge, and competitiveness for the *asnaf*. Aside from that, disbursement in the form of benefits were generated, so that the *asnaf* will be able to get their rights properly. This was translated through the establishment of Bayt as-Salaam as a shelter home for *asnaf mu'allaf* (reverts) and the Foster School Program (PROSA) that focuses on the education of *asnaf's* children.

Blessed Friday congregation,



The awareness of *zakaat* payers can be seen through the *zakaat* collection amounting to RM757.1 million in 2017, which rose in 2022 to over RM1 billion collected. Similarly in terms of distribution, with only RM16.5 million disbursed in 2017. *Alhamdulillah*, in 2022, we were able to distribute an amount of RM1.05 billion. Hopefully, the increase in these data is an indication that *zakaat* management in this state is on the right track, that its approach is truly effective, and that it must be maintained. May the *tawfeeq* and aid from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* always accompany the management of Selangor *Zakaat* Board in preserving the *amaanah* (trust) of the Muslim *ummah*.

Data also indicates that there has been an increase in the total number of *zakaat* payers and recipients. In 2017, there were 278,668 *zakaat* payers in Selangor and it increased to 458,000 in 2022. While, in *zakaat* disbursement, there were a total of 45,471 *asnaf* families within the category of poor and needy in 2017, and it increased in 2022 with 63,000 families recorded.

These figures manifest the awareness of the Muslim *ummah* regarding the rights of the poor and needy among them. Aside from that, it also indicates that Selangor *Zakaat* Board is very serious in identifying poverty data within this state, striving to ensure that those that are to be assisted are aided in the best possible manner. This responsibility is carried out by actively organizing various efforts and programs such as Poverty Tracking Ops through close cooperation with various parties on the ground, be they the masjid, *surau*, school, NGO, and residents' associations.

Dear blessed audience,

Truthfully, with the capability of disbursing *zakaat* aid amounting to RM1.05 billion and collecting *zakaat* funds of RM1.07 billion in 2022, it clearly indicates that, *by the permission and aid of Allah 'Azza Wajalla*, the Selangor *Zakaat* Board's management has earned the *thiqah* (trust) of the residents of



Selangor in fulfilling this very heavy *amaanah*. All of these were attained through the aid and guidance from Allah, as well as the hard work and struggles of the *'aamileen* (*zakaat* collectors) in serving Selangor *Zakaat* Board at various levels. In line with *Zakaat* Selangor's 30th year anniversary in 2024, *Zakaat* Selangor's management truly realize that the key to this success is by always beseeching aid from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, preserving the *amaanah* and *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) in providing the best service, specifically in *zakaat* disbursement. When the *muzakki* (those obligated to pay *zakaat*) feels tranquil, confident, and having full trust upon the Selangor *Zakaat* Board, then they will continue to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation through the *'amil* of Selangor *Zakaat* Board, instead of channeling it by themselves without restriction and guidelines.

In this very opportunity, on behalf of *Zakaat* Selangor's management, I would like to say *jazaakumullaahu khayran wabaarakAllahu feekum* and many thanks to all of the *zakaat* payers in this state, for your loyalty and trust rendered all the while. The Selangor *Zakaat* Board implores with a full sense of responsibility and high expectations that let us altogether join hands in keeping *zakaat* management in this state as the exemplary *zakaat* management institute for others, whether at the national level or even internationally. All criticisms, ideas, and thoughtful suggestions addressed to Selangor *Zakaat* Board for the *maslahah* (public interest) of the *ummah* are thoroughly welcome. And if anyone finds those that are qualified to receive aid, please report them to Selangor *Zakaat* Board through the various mediums available.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:



...وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢﴾

"...And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty."

(al-Maa'idah 5:2)

Dear blessed audience,

The lessons from the *khutbah* today are:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that *zakaat* has a very significant role in providing benefits and preserving the *maslahah* of the Muslims.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must truly realize that efficient management of *zakaat* institution, and always attaining the aid from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in executing the *amaanah* for His religion will result in abundant good upon the Muslims within the state.

3. The Selangor *Zakaat* Board as an institution that has been entrusted by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor to administer *zakaat* affairs must be given the trust and support in terms of *du'aa* (supplication), morals, and materials so that this important institution for the Muslims can carry out its roles in the best manner, and always remaining on the path that is pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ
وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

"Your ally is none but Allah and [therefore] His Messenger and those who have believed - those who establish prayer and give zakaah, and they bow [in worship]."

(al-Maa'idah 5:55)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا
فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ 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,

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by protecting ourselves and our families from committing acts of disobedience and abominable deeds. At the same time, we continue to supplicate so that we will always be blessed and protected from all forms of threat and the spread of Covid-19 endemic. The Muslims are advised to practice self-care and be mindful of one's personal hygiene and surroundings by adhering to the SOP that has been stipulated in avoiding contagion.

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 أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَهَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَعَكُّو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.



اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا مُنْتَقِمُ يَا جَبَّارُ، يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ
انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي
فَلَسْطِينَ.

O Allah, O our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of Palestine, and wherever they may be. Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed.

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 *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
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾



عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.