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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتُدْلُوا بِهَا إِلَى الْحُكَّامِ لِتَأْكُلُوا فَرِيقًا مِّنْ أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ بِالْإِثْمِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

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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 

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 undivided attention to the sermon that is being delivered. Let us not speak and fiddle with our mobile phones. May this *khutbah* benefit all of us.

<sup>1</sup> al-Baqarah 2:188.

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



Today, I will be delivering a *khutbah* titled **"THE OUTCOME FOR THE GIVER AND RECEIVER OF BRIBERY."**

**Dear beloved audience,**

The crime of bribery is a misdeed that has festered and crept into our society's life system today. Nowadays, when accusations are thrown, whether reality or perception, matters pertaining to bribery, embezzlement, and abuse of power are often associated with politics, the public service sector, the economic sector, commerce, security, and others. It covers the offense of giving, offering, accepting kickbacks, false claims, fraudulent transactions and documentations for the benefit of individuals, families, and certain groups. These are the forms of wrongdoings that are clearly betrayal upon the *amaanah* (trust) given.

**Respected audience,**

Verily, bribery is *haram* (unlawful) in Islam, deemed as a major sin and incurs the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 188 of soorah al-Baqarah, recited during the *muqaddimah* (introduction) of the *khutbah*:

**"And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly or send it [in bribery] to the rulers in order that [they might aid] you [to] consume a portion of the wealth of the people in sin, while you know [it is unlawful]."**

Additionally, it was mentioned in the *hadeeth* in reminding us upon the prohibition of bribery, as in the narration of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَعَنَ اللَّهُ الرَّاشِيَ وَالْمُرْتَشِيَ.

**"Allah cursed the one who bribes and the one who takes bribes."**

(ibn Hibbaan)



According to Dr. Yousuf al-Qaradawi *rahimahullaah* in his book *al-Halaal wal-Haraam Fil Islaam*, he mentioned: "From among the act of usurping the wealth of others through ways that are *baatil* (falsehood) is accepting bribery (kickback), which is money given to the enforcer or officer, so that the enforcer or officer would impose a sentence that is favorable to him, or judgment that is harmful to his opponent according to his desire, or so that his affairs would be advanced or delayed due to certain circumstances and its like."

Human beings that are willing to resort to the crime of bribery are not afraid of the threat and curse of Allah and His Messenger, for they are only selfish, greedy, and willing to obtain something that are not rightfully theirs to the point of jeopardizing their self-dignity for the sake of fulfilling their desire in accumulating wealth through unlawful means and committing oppression. This group, in reality, have been oppressive upon themselves and others, as well as betraying the *amaanah* entrusted upon their shoulders.

*Rizq* (sustenance) that are attained from *haraam* sources, are then fed to the children, spouse, and household members, hence how does one give birth to offsprings that are righteous, household having *mawaddah* (love) and *sakeenah* (tranquility)? Even more unfortunate is the loss of *barakah* (blessings) in the *rizq* attained. Take heed of the reminder of Rasulullah ﷺ in the *hadeeth* of Jaabir bin 'Abdullah *radiallaahu 'anhuma*:

إِنَّهُ لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ لَحْمٌ نَبَتَ مِنْ سُحْتٍ، النَّارُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِ

**"Verily, flesh which has grown out of what is unlawful will not enter paradise, but hell is more fitting for it."**

(Ahmad)

**Respected audience,**



*Rishwah* (bribery) is a form of betrayal upon the *amaanah* that has been rendered. There are three adverse effects that are truly grave when the criminal act of bribery takes place, namely:

1. The actors involved (giver, receiver, or the middle person that acts as the mediator) have committed a form of oppression. This happens when the payoff (bribery) to the receiving party changes the decision in favor of the briber, while at the same time denying the rights of others.

2. Those that have been denied of their rights, namely the oppressed ones, will have their prayers accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Hence, be very careful and remember that no matter how long, those committing the heinous crime of bribery will never escape the punishment for their wicked act. If they go unpunished in this world, never ever think that they will escape the punishment in the Hereafter.

3. The vile criminal act of bribery that is rampant within our society will give a terrible negative impact if it is not curbed. It can cause political situation that is unstable, with the economy collapsing, ineffective governance, threatens national security, abuse of power becoming widespread, wealth within the control of a few, the rich getting richer and greedier, with the poor getting oppressed and crushed while they remain defenseless. In result, the nation is due to collapse and causing chaos, due to the rampant evil crime of *rishwah*, akin to *api dalam sekam* (meaning: evil that is concealed) or *gunting dalam lipatan* (meaning: the enemy within).

### **Dear blessed Muslims,**

It is commonly known that *Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah Malaysia* (SPRM; Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) is the agency that assume the role and responsibility of administering issues pertaining to bribery in our nation. In their very efforts to fight the crime of bribery, embezzlement and power abuse, SPRM requires the support of other governmental agencies,



including the private and corporate sector, professionals, and all walks of society in general, in joining hands with SPRM within the framework of fighting corruption and diligently strive to make Malaysia a bribery-free nation.

I humbly implore all quarters to strive in fighting off *rishwah* in our country on a serious level, for the sake of empowering the administration and good governance in government services, statutory body agencies, private entities, and all walks of society in general. This is what is required and in accordance with the demands of the *Sharee'ah*, and encourages the government's efforts in improving integrity and quality of service delivery.

### **Esteemed audience,**

To end the sermon today, let us altogether ponder upon the following lessons:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must remain cognizant that Allah and His Messenger curses those involved in bribery, comprised of the giver, receiver, and mediator.
2. Avoid bribery for those that commit bribery do not have self-respect in willing to jeopardize their dignity for the sake of personal gain, while denying the rights of others.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that the provision sought and given away in charity are from *halaal* sources, so as to attain blissfulness in this world and salvation in the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ  
الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَوْ ءَامَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ مِنْهُمْ  
الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١١٠﴾



***“You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah. If only the People of the Scripture had believed, it would have been better for them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient.”***

(Soorah Aal ‘Imraan 3:110)

بَارِكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ 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 لِيْ 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.

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 الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَهٗ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، 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، لَوْلِيَّ 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 لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ جَهْدِ الْبَلَاءِ، وَدَرْكِ الشَّقَاءِ وَسُوءِ الْقَضَاءِ وَشَمَاتَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ، وَتَحَوُّلِ عَاقِبَتِكَ وَفُجَاءَةِ نِقْمَتِكَ وَجَمِيعِ سَفْطِكَ.

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect us from calamity and disaster, from



massive flood and extreme heat. O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِي نُحُورِ أَعْدَائِنَا، وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ.  
اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّدْ شَمْلَهُمْ، وَفَرِّقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَشَتِّتْ كَلِمَتَهُمْ، وَزَلِّزْ  
أَقْدَامَهُمْ، وَسَلِّطْ عَلَيْهِمْ كَلْبًا مِنْ كِلَابِكَ، يَا قَهَّارُ، يَا جَبَّارُ،  
يَا مُنْتَقِمُ، يَا اللَّهُ. اللَّهُمَّ يَا مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَا مُجْرِيَ السَّحَابِ  
وَيَا هَازِمَ الْأَحْزَابِ، إِهْزِمِ أَعْدَاءَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، إِهْزِمِهِمْ، إِهْزِمِهِمْ،  
وَإَنْصِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عَلَيْهِمْ.

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، اِدْفَعْ 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 ﴿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.