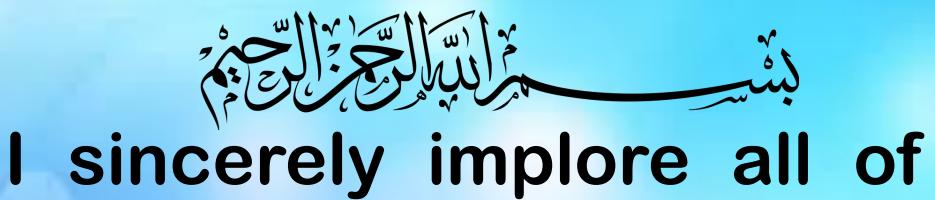




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us to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of

His prohibitions. Let us give 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.

Today, I will be delivering a khutbah titled



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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

bribery, pertaining to embezzlement, and abuse of power are often associated with politics, the public service sector, the economic sector, commerce, security, and others. It covers the

of offense 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.

Verily, bribery is *haraam* (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 alrecited Baqarah, 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 unlawfull."

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

لَعَنَ اللهُ 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, been have 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 of barakah loss (blessings) in the rizq attained. Take heed of

the reminder Rasulullah in the hadeeth of Jaabir bin 'Abdullah radiyAllaahu 'anhuma:

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

(Ahmad)

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 by prayers accepted 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 the escape 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, national threatens 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).

commonly known It is that Suruhanjaya Pencegahan Rasuah (SPRM; Malaysia Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) the agency that is assume the role and

responsibility 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

governmental other 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 of sake empowering the administration and good governance government services, statutory body agencies, private entities, and all walks of society in

general. This is what is required and in accordance with the the demands of Sharee 'ah, and the encourages government's efforts improving integrity and

quality of service delivery.

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 selfrespect 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.

"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)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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.

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.

