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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَعَاتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا
لِأَنفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١١٠﴾¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ 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 ﴿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 give full attention to the sermon that is being delivered. Do not speak and do not get carried away with our cellular phones. May this *khutbah* benefit us all.

¹ al-Baqarah 2:110

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



On this glorious day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled: **"ZAKAAT AL-FITR: A MEANINGFUL OBLIGATION."**

Respected Muslims,

The obligation of *zakaat al-fitr* (or *zakaat fitrah*) is based on numerous proofs, among them is the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, whom narrated:

"The Prophet (ﷺ) ordered the people to pay *zakaat al-fitr* before going to the 'Eid prayer."

(*al-Bukhaari*)

The *hukm* (ruling) of fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr* is *wajib* (obligatory) and denying its obligation is sinful. However, the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr* does not merely free us from sinning, for it has tremendous meaning for the poor in bringing them happiness on the day of 'Eid.

According to the *Shara'*, the legislation of *zakaat al-fitr* has great significance, where among them is purifying the soul from traits of *mazhmoomah* (dispraised), cleansing one's self from deeds that are in vain, and sharing joyfulness with fellow Muslims. Such matter was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*:

فَرَضَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ زَكَاةَ الْفِطْرِ

طُهْرَةً لِلصَّائِمِ مِنَ اللَّغْوِ وَالرَّفَثِ، وَطُعْمَةً لِلْمَسَاكِينِ

"Rasulullah ﷺ prescribed *zakaat al-fitr* as a purification for the fasting person from idle talk and obscenities, and to feed the poor."

(*Abu Dawood*)



Esteemed Muslims,

It is *wajib* to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* during its stipulated times, which is after the sunset on the last day of Ramadaan up until right before *salaat al-'Eid* is performed. This is because the objective of *zakaat al-fitr* is to meet the needs of the *fuqaraa'* (poor) and *masaakeen* (needy) from having to beg others on *'Eid al-Fitr*.

In the state of Selangor, the official fatwa has stated that *zakaat al-fitr* is *wajib* to be fulfilled based upon the staple food of the Muslims within the state, which is rice or converted to its current market rate. The amount of rice for *zakaat al-fitr* that is *wajib* to be fulfilled is one Baghdad sa' (bushel), which is equivalent to approximately 2.6 kilogram of *Super Tempatan Gred A* rice. This is then converted to its market price or equivalent monetary value for that exact amount of rice in weight.

However, we are recommended to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* according to the type or grade of food stuff that is higher than what we normally consume daily, based on our capabilities. In this regard, ibn 'Umar *radiallahaahu 'anhuma* stated:

أَمَرَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِزَكَاةِ الْفِطْرِ، صَاعًا

مِنْ تَمْرٍ، أَوْ صَاعًا مِنْ شَعِيرٍ. فَجَعَلَ النَّاسُ عِدْلَهُ مُدَّيْنِ

مِنْ حِنْطَةٍ



“Rasulullah ﷺ ordered (Muslims) to give one sa‘ of dates or one sa‘ of barley as zakaat al-fitr. The people made two mudd (half of sa‘) of wheat as its equivalent.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Hence, those who are able can fulfill their *zakaat al-fitr* according to the type of rice that they consume, whether priced at RM14 or RM21 or even much higher. This would be best for the person, according to his own capability.

Beloved audience,

Let us altogether fulfill our *zakaat al-fitr* from early on. There is no need for us to procrastinate until the last moments in fulfilling our *zakaat al-fitr*, specifically the morning of the 1st of Shawwaal, with the excuse that it is the most preferred time. In reality, the *Shara‘* has allowed us to pay *zakaat al-fitr* even from the first night of Ramadaan.

Jumhoor fuqahaa‘ (the majority of the jurists) are of the opinion that if *zakaat al-fitr* is fulfilled after *salaat al-‘Eid* and before sunset of 1st Shawwaal, then its ruling is *makrooh* (detestable). If *zakaat al-fitr* is delayed until after sunset of 1st Shawwaal, then such act is *haraam* (unlawful) and sinful, but the *zakaat* is valid and considered as *zakaat qadaa‘* (make-up). Even then, it is incumbent for the person to perform *tawbah* (repentance) immediately and regret his act of procrastination.

However, if there are still those that missed out on the deadline to pay *zakaat al-fitr*, whether due to forgetfulness or intentionally, then it becomes *waajib* for the person to make *qadaa‘* immediately and not delay it any further until the next Ramadaan comes. It is *waajib* upon the person to make *qadaa‘* of *zakaat al-fitr*. Even if one remembers to fulfill the obligation of



zakaat al-fitr after the month of Shawwaal has ended, he or she can still perform *qadaa'* of *zakaat al-fitr*, whether at actual *zakaat* counters or online, under the category "*qadaa' zakaat*."

Dear blessed audience,

Know that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has promised those that performed *zakaat al-fitr* with tremendous reward in Paradise. In the *hadeeth* of 'Ali bin Abi Taalib *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم had said:

"Indeed in Paradise there are chambers, whose outside can be seen from their inside, and their inside can be seen from their outside." A Bedouin stood and said: "Who are they for, O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "For those who speak well, feed others, fast regularly, and perform salaah [for Allah] during the night while the people sleep."

(at-Tirmidhi)

While, those that are stingy and refuse to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr*, they are deemed as deniers of the Recompense, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 1-3 of soorah al-Maa'oon:

أَرَعَيْتَ الَّذِي يُكَذِّبُ بِالْإِيمَانِ ﴿١﴾ فَذَلِكَ الَّذِي يَدُعُّ الْيَتِيمَ ﴿٢﴾

وَلَا يُحِضُّ عَلَىٰ طَعَامِ الْمِسْكِينِ ﴿٣﴾

"Have you seen the one who denies the Recompense? For that is the one who drives away the orphan. And does not encourage the feeding of the poor."

Dear respected Muslims,



On this very opportunity, I would like to remind those that are either working or residing in the state of Selangor to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation within the state through the *'aamileen* (representatives) that have been officially appointed by Selangor *Zakaat* Board, so that its funds can be distributed to over 70,000 poor and needy *asnaf* (*zakaat* recipient) families within this state.

This coincides with what has been commanded by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that *zakaat* is to be collected and disbursed at the original location where the wealth is located at. Narrated ibn 'Abbaas *radiallaahu 'anhuma*: Rasulullah ﷺ had sent Sayyiduna Mu'aadh bin Jabal to Yemen for *da'wah* and said:

فَاعْلَمِهِمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ افْتَرَضَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَدَقَةً فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ
تُؤْخَذُ مِنْ أَغْنِيَاءِهِمْ وَتُرَدُّ عَلَى فُقَرَائِهِمْ

"Then teach them that Allah has made it obligatory for them to pay the zakaat from their property and it is to be taken from the wealthy among them and given to the poor."

(*al-Bukhaari*)

In addition, those administering *zakaat al-fitr* affairs must remain honest and *amaanah* (trustworthy) in their tasks. This is because Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will be angered by those that abuse their position and consume *zakaat* funds through unlawful means.

Narrated Abu Humayd as-Sa'idi *radiallaahu 'anh*: Rasulullah ﷺ appointed a man from the tribe of Bani Asad, called ibn al-Utaybiyyah to collect the *zakaat*. When he returned (with the money) he said (to the Prophet), ***"This is for you and this has been given to me as a gift."*** The



Prophet (ﷺ) stood up on the pulpit (Sufyaan said he ascended the pulpit), and after glorifying and praising Allah, he said, ***"What is wrong with the employee whom we send (to collect zakaat from the public) that he returns to say, "This is for you and that is for me?" Why didn't he stay at his father's and mother's house to see whether he will be given gifts or not? By Him in Whose Hand my life is, whoever takes anything illegally will bring it on the Day of Resurrection by carrying it over his neck."***

(Muslim)

Dear beloved audience,

To end this *khutbah*, the following are several matters than can be taken as guidance:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that *zakaat al-fitr* is an *'ibaadah* (act of worship) that holds a great secret alongside the *'ibaadah* of fasting, in nurturing charitable nature within the Muslim individual.
2. Every individual within the Muslim *ummah* that is obligated to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* must fulfill that obligation according to their capability, getting it done from early on, in avoiding the risk of forgetfulness.
3. Muslims that are working or residing in Selangor must fulfill their *zakaat* within the state through Selangor *Zakaat* Board or its representatives.

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].”

(Soorah al-Maa'idah 5:55)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ 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! أُوصِيكُمْ 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
الْكَفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ
شَاهِ الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ
شَاهِ الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ، تَعَكُّوْا أَمِيرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ



السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرَّشَادِ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَعُوْذُبِكَ مِنْ جَهْدِ الْبَلَاءِ، وَدَرْكِ الشَّقَاءِ وَسُوْءِ
الْقَضَاءِ وَشَمَاتَةِ الْاَعْدَاءِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَعُوْذُبِكَ مِنْ زَوَالِ
نِعْمَتِكَ، وَتَحَوُّلِ عَافِيَتِكَ وَفَجَاءَةِ نِقْمَتِكَ وَجَمِيْعِ سَخَطِكَ.

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.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِيْ نُحُوْرِ اَعْدَائِنَا، وَنَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ
شُرُوْرِهِمْ. اَللّٰهُمَّ بَدِّدْ شَمْلَهُمْ، وَفَرِّقْ جَمْعَهُمْ وَشَتِّتْ
كَلِمَتَهُمْ، وَزَلِّزْ اَقْدَامَهُمْ، وَسَلِّطْ عَلَيْهِمْ كَلْبًا مِنْ كِلَابِكَ، يَا
قَهَّارُ، يَا جَبَّارُ، يَا مُنْتَقِمُ، يَا اللّٰهُ. اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَا



مُجْرِي السَّحَابِ وَيَا هَازِمَ الْأَحْزَابِ، إِهْزِمِ أَعْدَاءَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ،
إِهْزِمِهِمْ، إِهْزِمِهِمْ، وَأَنْصِرِ 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 *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، اذْفَعْ 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

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رَبَّنَا آتِنَا 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



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.