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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَلِكِ الْمَلِكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ
وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ
إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٦﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ 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 humbly implore for all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ Aal 'Imraan 3:26

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



In conjunction with the Installation Ceremony of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Yang Ke-17 (XVII), I will be expounding on a *khutbah* titled “**THE KING OBEYED, THE NATION BLESSED.**”

Dear beloved congregation,

Tomorrow, the 20th of July 2024, will mark a very special and historical moment when the Installation Ceremony of Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Ibrahim is carried out at Istana Negara. The Ceremony of Swearing-In and Signing the Letter of the Oath of Office for the 17th Yang di-Pertuan Agong that took place on 31st January 2024 had marked the beginning of His Majesty’s reign for the next five years, which simultaneously indicate that the institution of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is always safeguarded in the effort to preserve the wellbeing and harmony of the citizens and the nation in entirety.

The Coronation is very significant for it is the symbol of the constitutional monarchy system in Malaysia, as well as exalting the lofty degree of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong as the umbrella of the nation.

His Highness, in his swearing-in oath had clearly emphasized that He will rule justly according to the law and the Constitution. He had also sworn to preserve the sanctity of Islam, in accordance with the jurisdiction bestowed upon Him by the Malaysian Constitution.

Beloved congregants,

The Installation Ceremony is very important in strengthening our loyalty upon a system that has long been in practice, which is the Constitutional Monarchy system. His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong plays a crucial role in fostering and preserving the unity of the people, and ensuring that the country’s administration is on the right track, for the sake of



safeguarding its sovereignty and the wellbeing of the citizens. The relationship between the King and the citizens is akin to that of a tree, with the King as the tree trunk and the citizens as its roots. Hence, definitely the tree would not be able to live without strong roots, while the roots would need a tree that is living so that it will be able to carry out its function properly. This is what is known as a symbiotic relationship, where the King needs the citizens and at the same time the citizens would need the King for refuge.

We must comprehend that the institution of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Malay Rulers must be defended for we have been part of this institution with our very own mold. What more with the role of His Highness as the Head of Islam for states that are not headed by the monarch, namely Pulau Pinang, Sarawak, Sabah, Melaka, and the Federal Territories. While in other states, the Head of Islam would be the Sultan or King of that respective state. The subjects would live in harmony with this system without chaos and strife, for we believe that we have one sovereign king who is also the supreme ruler in our nation, known as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Dear blessed Friday audience,

His Royal Highness Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong is deemed as *Ulil Amri* (leader) that is *wajib* (obligatory) to be obeyed. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 59 of Soorah an-Nisaa':

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِيَ الْأَمْرِ
مِنْكُمْ

“O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.”

This verse mentions a basic command which is the obligation to obey Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and His Messenger ﷺ, as explained by Ahmad bin Mustafa al-Maraaghiy, who gave a general meaning for *ulil amri* to include the country's leaders and those within ranks, the Muslim scholars, military commanders, and every leader or those being referenced by the masses regarding life problems. When they are all in agreement and decided on a matter, then it behoove for the masses to abide by it for as long as it does not transgress against the *shara'*.

This is further strengthened by the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

عَلَى الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ فِيمَا أَحَبَّ وَكَرِهَهُ، إِلَّا
أَنْ يُؤْمَرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ، فَإِنْ أُمِرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ فَلَا سَمْعَ وَلَا طَاعَةَ

“It is obligatory upon a Muslim to listen (to the ruler) and obey whether he likes it or not, except when he is ordered to do a sinful thing; in such case, there is no obligation to listen or to obey.”

(Agreed Upon)

Dear blessed congregation,

As Malaysian citizens, let us wholeheartedly pour our allegiance to His Royal Highness the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in fulfilling this heavy responsibility. Let us altogether supplicate that the Installation Ceremony to be held will go on as planned, under the protection of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Furthermore, we pray for the wellbeing, *'aafiyah* (overall wellbeing), and *'inaayah* (aid) upon His Majesty in steering and leading the citizens of the nation according to the Constitution and Islamic guidance stipulated.



This is part of our very responsibility. Fudayl bin 'Iyaad, a scholar with great *zuhd* (detachment from worldliness) and *wara'* (piety) once said:

"If I had a supplication which was to be answered, I would not make it except for the leader."

It was said to him, ***"O Abu Ali, explain that to us."***

He replied, ***"If I made the supplication for myself, its benefit would not go beyond me; whereas if I make it for the leader and he is corrected, then he would become upright, and the servants and the land will be set in order."***

Beloved Friday audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, I would like to conclude that:

1. The Coronation of His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Ibrahim is truly significant for it is the symbol for the constitutional monarchy system in Malaysia, and exalts highly the stature of Yang di-Pertuan Agong as the umbrella for the nation.

2. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong has the role of fostering and sustaining the unity of the people, and ensuring that the nation's administration remains on the right course, for the sake of safeguarding its sovereignty and the wellbeing of the people.

3. We must thoroughly give our allegiance to His Majesty, in line with the pledge of Rukun Negara that we had pronounced.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ
النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ
سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا ﴿٥٨﴾

“Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing.”

(Soorah an-Nisaa’ 4:58)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ 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
وَأَيَّايَ 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 اصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ أَيِّدْ بِدَوَامِ التَّوْفِيقِ وَالْهُدَايَةِ وَالصِّحَّةِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ
جَلَالَهٗ مَلِكَنَا كِبَاوَهٗ دَوْلِي يَغْ مَهَا مَوْلِيَا سِرِي قَدُوكْ بَكِينِدَا
يَغْ د-قِرْتَوَانِ اِكُوغْ سُلْطَانِ اِبْرَاهِيمِ.

وَكَذَلِكَ كِبَاوَهٗ دَوْلِي يَغْ مَهَا مَوْلِيَا سِرِي قَدُوكْ بَكِينِدَا رَاغِ
قِرْمَايسُورِي اِكُوغْ، رَاغِ زَارِيثُ صُوفِيَاهٗ.

اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْ عُلَمَاءَهُ وَوُزَرَآءَهُ وَقُضَاتَهُ وَعُمَّالَهُ وَرَعَايَاهُ مِنْ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ بَلَدَنَا مَالِيَرِيَا آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا، سَخَاءً رَخَاءً، دَارَ
عَدْلٍ وَإِيمَانٍ، وَأَمْنٍ وَأَمَانٍ، وَسَائِرِ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَهٗ مَلِكَنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانِ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اِدْرِيسِ
شَاهِ الْحَاغِ اِبْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانِ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ
شَاهِ الْحَاغِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُوَلِّيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ

السُّلْطَانُ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 our state from calamity and disaster. 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, embezzlement, and power abuse. 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.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
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 ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذُكُرْكُمْ وَأَشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.