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## "PAY TO THE COLLECTORS APPOINTED IN SELANGOR"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا  
وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ <sup>1</sup>  
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 <sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I humbly call upon all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled "**PAY TO THE COLLECTORS APPOINTED IN SELANGOR.**"

<sup>1</sup> at-Tawbah 9:103

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



**Dear blessed Friday audience,**

The requirement in fulfilling zakaah is an obligation upon every Muslim individual once its conditions are met. As a manifestation of endless *shukr* (gratitude) for all of the bounties bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon all of us, it becomes *waajib* (obligatory) for all Muslims that have been blessed with wealth to fulfill their zakaah.

In the narration of Abu Umaamah al-Baahiliy *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***"And pay the zakaah on your wealth, and obey those who are in charge of you, you will enter the Paradise of your Lord."***

*(at-Tirmidhi and Ahmad)*

In ensuring that the management for the *'ibaadah* (worship) of zakaah is done well and organized, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has bestowed the mandate for the management of zakaat collection and disbursement upon *Uliil 'Amr* (those given authority) or the ruler of that locality.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 103 of soorah at-Tawbah that was recited during the early part of the *khutbah*:

***"Take, [O, Muhammad], from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase, and invoke [Allah's blessings] upon them. Indeed, your invocations are reassurance for them. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing."***

Al-Imaam ibn Katheer mentioned in the *tafseer* (explanation of the meaning) of this verse that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had commanded His Messenger to collect zakaat from the wealth of the Companions at that time, after having met its conditions, intending to purify them from bad *akhlaaq* (character) and expiate their sins.



The command to collect zakaat, in the beginning, was the sole responsibility of Rasulullah ﷺ as the leader or ruler. However, that task was inherited alternately by the caliphs or the leaders of the Muslim *ummah*. That task could also be deputized through the appointment or certification of individuals or organizations that are eligible to implement and carry it out.

### **Esteemed Friday audience,**

In performing the task of collecting zakaah from its payers, the Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS) has conditions that must be met, among them is that the collectors must be from among the *'aamil* (collector) that have been appointed or certified by MAIS. If the Islamic Religious Council of a particular state has appointed or granted certification upon any individuals or organizations as the *'aamil* or zakaat agent, then such appointment is valid according to the *Shara'*, but it is only applicable within the state borders or the jurisdiction of the state Islamic Religious Council that made the appointment. Section 37, *Sharee'ah Criminal Offenses (Selangor) Enactment 1995* stipulated that:

*"Any person who collects zakaat or al-fitr or causes to be collected zakaat or al-fitr without having been appointed as 'aamil or otherwise authorized by the Majlis shall be guilty of an offense and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three thousand ringgit or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both."*

The legal provisions regarding the prohibition to collect zakaat or *al-fitr* without the appointment by the Selangor Islamic Religious Council actually intends to preserve the *maslahah* (interest) of the public or communities within this state, so that no one can easily take advantage in lying to the masses through the collection of zakaat or *al-fitr* for their own personal gain or the interest of others, which in the end causes the general public to lose their trust in Islamic institutions.

## Dear beloved Friday congregation,

Obedience to *Ulil 'Amr* or the ruler in matters that are good is a stipulation in Islam and it encompasses all affairs including zakaat collection. In the state of Selangor, the Selangor Islamic Religious Council is the entity that has been granted the responsibility of administering Islamic affairs including the appointment and certification of zakaat *'aamil*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 59 of soorah an-Nisaa':

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

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

Even though obedience to *Ulil 'Amr* is clearly from the *Shara'*, we still find cases where there are agents appointed by certain State Islamic Religious Council collecting zakaat within the state of Selangor, which is outside of the designated area. The promise of a handsome rebate between 50 up to 80 percent is from among the reasons causing that particular agent to become greedy in collecting zakaat that they would venture into other states, though violating the *Sharee'ah* Criminal Offenses Act of their state.

If we were to refer to the facts regarding the case, there were two individuals who were appointed agents by a certain state's Islamic Religious Council, according to Section 37 *Sharee'ah* Criminal Offenses (Selangor) Enactment 1995 and Section 52 (1) (b) at the Lower *Sharee'ah* Court of Sepang in 2016. While, in 2018, charges were made for the same offense against an individual who was not appointed as *'aamil* by any entity. As for the latest, there is a court allegation made under Section 37 *Sharee'ah* Criminal Offenses (Selangor) Enactment 1995 at the Lower *Sharee'ah* Court of Petaling



Jaya against a former 'amil, where the accused pleaded guilty and was punished and fined on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

### **Respected Friday audience,**

Zakaat funds in Selangor is very crucial in assisting the *asnaf* (zakaat recipients), especially with the large population within this state. The majority of Muslim Malays fall within the category of urban poor, while partly in the rural areas. Up until September 2024, there are 71,000 poor and needy *asnaf* families registered with the Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS). To care for all the *asnaf* categories, the total fund needed amounts to RM1.36 billion. If zakaat collection in Selangor is "siphoned" to other places by irresponsible parties, then definitely *asnafs* who were supposed to receive zakaat aid will be subjected to oppression and their rights also denied.

If we look at it from the aspect of *Shar'i* rulings, collecting zakaah beyond the state border is an offense and zakaah paid to agents who have violated and crossed the boundaries of State Islamic Religious Council, is deemed as invalid. The fatwa regarding the "*Ruling on Those Not Appointed or Unauthorized to Accept Zakaat Collection or Its Distribution*" has received approval from His Royal Majesty the Sultan of Selangor on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024, and it is in the process of being officially gazetted. It states that:

*"Zakaat payment made to individuals or other bodies that were not granted with valid authority is rendered as invalid and its payer has yet to be relieved from the obligation to fulfill zakaat."*

Let us imagine the predicament of zakaat given to these irresponsible entities, what was deemed as valid and having fulfilled the obligation, but instead remain invalid and its obligation unfulfilled. Monies have been paid but its obligation is not fulfilled, and deemed as still not having paid zakaah. Well, what are the implications of not fulfilling zakaat? The fate of those not spending their wealth in fulfilling zakaah is severe punishment in the Hereafter.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 35 of soorah at-Tawbah:

يَوْمَ يُجْمَىٰ عَلَيْهَا فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ فَتُكْوَىٰ بِهَا جِبَاهُهُمْ وَجُنُوبُهُمْ  
وَوُجُوهُهُمْ هَذَا مَا كَنَزْتُمْ لِأَنفُسِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْنِزُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

***"The Day when it will be heated in the fire of Hell and seared therewith will be their foreheads, their flanks, and their backs, [it will be said], "This is what you hoarded for yourselves, so taste what you used to hoard.""***

**Blessed Friday audience,**

To end the sermon today, let us derive several lessons as guidelines in our lives, namely:

1. Collecting zakaat is the responsibility of the ruler and it can only be fulfilled through 'amil appointed or certified by the religious authority, and for the state of Selangor it would be MAIS.
2. The Muslims must fulfill zakaat to collectors appointed by MAIS to ensure that the deed remains valid and one's obligation as a Muslim is fulfilled.
3. As responsible Muslims, we must become the eyes and ears for the religious authorities, in aiding to ensure that no one takes advantage in violating the regulations and sovereignty of the state.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَالَّذِينَ فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ مَّعْلُومٌ ﴿٢٤﴾ لِّلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ ﴿٢٥﴾

***"And those within whose wealth is a known right. For the petitioner and the deprived."***

(Soorah al-Ma'aarij 70:24-25)

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! 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 أَصْلِحْ أئِمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه  
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ

وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ 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 *masajid* 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 ﴿٢١﴾  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ  
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.