

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

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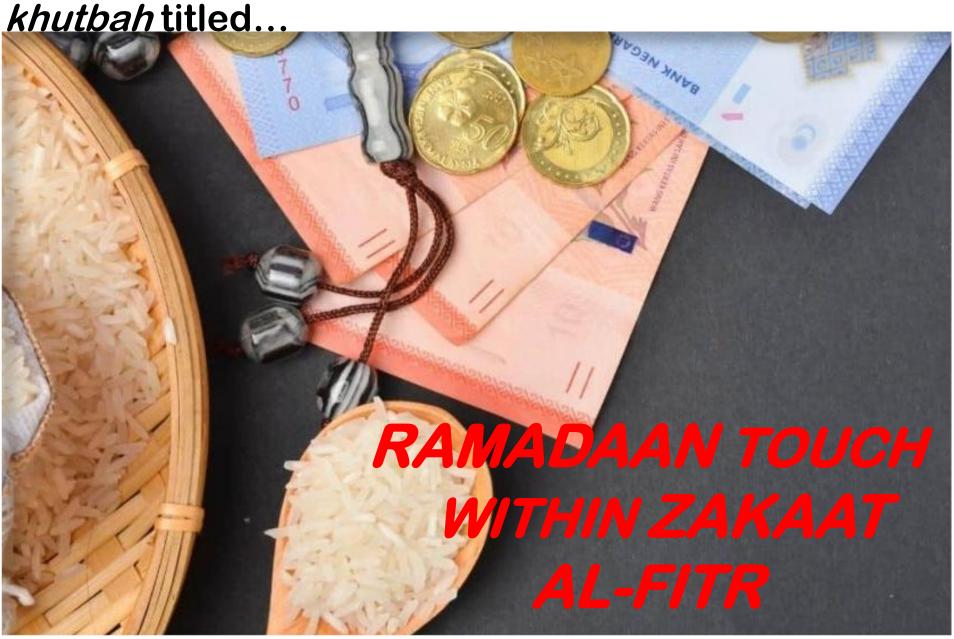


I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands

and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

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On this noble day, I will be discussing upon a.



The month of Ramadaan is truly meaningful for the entire Muslim ummah, for it is concluded with a day of joy that is anticipated by all of us, namely the day of 'Eid al-Fitr. Verily, صلىالله Prophet Muhammad

mentioned that there joyful two are occasions for the fasting person. First, the moment he or she breaks the fast including the day of

'Eid. Second, the moment when one meets Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*'anh, Rasulullah عليه وسلم

"There are two occasions of joy for one who fasts, joy when he breaks it, and joy when he meets his Lord."

(Muslim)

Pondering upon the presence of Ramadaan and also the day of 'Eid al-Fitr, we cannot escape from one important 'ibaadah (worship), which is zakaat al-fitr (or zakaat fitrah). The 'ibaadah of

zakaat al-fitr is waajib (obligatory) upon all Muslims, whether male or female, free or slave, rich or poor. The condition is that one must be alive during two period even for a moment, namely at

the end of Ramadaan and the beginning Shawwaal. It is also the condition that one must have sufficient food for oneself and the dependents throughout the first of Shawwaal.

Zakaat al-fitr is to be fulfilled with one purpose, which is so that the poor and needy can also happily celebrate the day of 'Eid. This is the touch of Ramadaan that is very meaningful,

as mentioned in the previous hadeeth.

ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma narrated:

"Rasulullah enjoined the payment of one sa' of dates or one sa' of

barley as zakaat al-fitr on every Muslim, slave or free, male or female, young or old, and he ordered that it be paid before the people went out to offer the 'Eid prayer." (al-Bukhaari)

the biggest Among hurdle the in implementation of zakaat al-fitr is ensuring that it truly reaches the poor and needy, in adhering to the stipulation within the

madhhab **Shaafi'i** (juristic school of thought) that prioritizes those as the main recipients of zakaat alfitr. The disbursement of zakaat al-fitr also must be done early, so that

they can benefit in fulfilling their needs prior to the day of 'Eid. If the distribution of zakaat al-fitr is delayed, then it will impose difficulty upon the poor

and needy in fulfilling their needs on time. This will surely hinder the happiness that they should be experiencing on that glorious day.

As Muslims, we are encouraged to fulfill our zakaat al-fitr from early on, without having to wait until sunset on the last day of Ramadaan. According to the Shaafi'i madhhab, the ruling

regarding zakaat al-fitr is that it is valid to be fulfilled from the beginning of Ramadaan and it is not necessary to be done on the eve of the 1st of Shawwaal or the morning of 'Eid al-Fitr.

In reality, we must fulfill zakaat al-fitr by giving preference to the state of Selangor, given the needs of the poor and needy within this state is tremendous. The state of Selangor is a major

attraction for many Malaysians to reside in livelihood, seeking hence accommodating a large population with diverse background.

When economic disruption occurs, specifically the long-term Covid-19 effect of pandemic, many residents Selangor in were severely affected due to job losses and

business closures. These folks are to be assisted so that they can continue to survive, and it would be better if they are granted with capital assistance so that they are able to escape the

shackles of poverty. This is the main reason why we must fulfill our zakaat al-fitr in Selangor.

Aside from that, having the developed state status, Selangor is also faced with

the challenge of high costs of living that are far greater compared to other states. Had alkifaayah or the minimum amount required for survivability such as food, clothing, and

dwelling in this state has increased significantly. Moreover, a household income of RM3,500 monthly also can be categorized as asnaf (zakaat recipient) if there are many dependents

within the household.

Data furnished by Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS) in 2024 indicated an increase in the total number of poor families that are unable to support

themselves and their households, which have now reached over 71,000 families. However, the collection for zakaat alfitr in 2024 only amounted to around RM41 million. In reality,

that amount is insufficient to fulfill the needs of the poor and asnaf, needy specifically for complete celebration of 'Eid al-Fitr.

Zakaat al-fitr is continuation of the 'ibaadah of Ramadaan fasting, which teaches us about the pang of hunger enduring experienced by the needy. It is upon this

hikmah (wisdom) comes the obligation of zakaat al-fitr which enjoins us to give sadagah (charity) and aid those that are in need. Fasting also

teaches the soul to individuals become having greater taqwa by cleansing oneself from sins. One of the ways of purification and expiation of sins is

through the legislation of zakaat al-fitr.

On the authority of 'ibn Abbaas *radiyAllaahu* 'anhuma whom said:

صلى الله عليه وسلم "Rasulullah enjoined zakaat al-fitr as a purification for the fasting person from idle talk and obscenities, and to feed the poor."

(Abu Dawood)

Fasting also trains us to become soft-hearted so that we become more sensitive to the needs of others. Hence, zakaat alfitr provides the very opportunity for us to prove our soft-heartedness by

fulfilling zakaat al-fitr, not just with the basic rate but with a rate that matches our capabilities. On that basis, the state fatwa has stipulated that zakaat al-fitr for this year is at RM7, and it is highly

encouraged to opt for RM15 and RM22 rates. For those who can afford it, the best is to fulfill zakaat al-fitr with a rate that is higher, according to the type of rice that is normally consumed.

let Therefore, us altogether remain resolute fulfilling in zakaat al-fitr for this year from early on, and strive to increase our zakaat alfitr payment according to our actual ability. May the

zakaat that we fulfill this year double and triple the joy of the poor and needy on the day of 'Eid, providing that Ramadaan touch that is truly meaningful to them.

To end the khutbah today, let us derive several lessons as guidance in our daily lives:

1. The Muslim ummah must remain cognizant on the obligation of fulfilling zakaat al-fitr, and it must be given due attention throughout

noble Ramadaan, by fulfilling it from early on without having to wait till the very final seconds.

2. The Muslim ummah is encouraged to fulfill zakaat al-fitr in accordance to one's actual capability, so that more from among the poor and needy

will be able to benefit from the funds channeled to fulfill the need for 'Eid then.

3. The Muslim ummah must fulfill zakaat al-fitr Selangor through Zakaat Board (LZS) or Assistant **Fitrah** Collector that has been officially appointed, to ensure zakaat

distribution is carried out in an orderly, transparent manner, and reaches the asnaf who are most deserving.

"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)

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 our state from calamity and disaster.

O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save the Muslims and Masjid al-Agsa 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.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'ageedah of the Muslims in this state, 'ageedah that is upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

Prophet Muhammad Companions and radiyAllaahu 'anhum, and spare us from all of the fitan that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim ummah.

