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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَعَاتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا
لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١١٠﴾¹

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، 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 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

¹ al-Baqarah 2:110

² Aal 'Imraan: 3 102.

and success in this world and the Hereafter. Respected congregation is reminded to not utilize the mobile phone while the *khutbah* is being delivered.

On this noble day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled **"RAMADAAN TOUCH WITHIN ZAKAAT AL-FITR."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

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, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم mentioned that there are two joyful 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 صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

لِلصَّائِمِ فَرْحَتَانِ فَرْحَةٌ عِنْدَ فِطْرِهِ وَفَرْحَةٌ عِنْدَ لِقَاءِ رَبِّهِ.

"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 *wajib* (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 of 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 *radiallahu 'anhuma* narrated:

فَرَضَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ زَكَاةَ الْفِطْرِ صَاعًا مِنْ تَمْرٍ، أَوْ
صَاعًا مِنْ شَعِيرٍ عَلَى الْعَبْدِ وَالْحُرِّ، وَالذَّكَرِ وَالْأُنْثَى، وَالصَّغِيرِ
وَالكَبِيرِ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَأَمَرَ بِهَا أَنْ تُؤَدَّى قَبْلَ خُرُوجِ النَّاسِ
إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ

“Rasulullah ﷺ 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*)

Beloved Friday audience,

Among the biggest hurdle in the implementation of *zakaat al-fitr* is ensuring that it truly reaches the poor and needy, in adhering to the stipulation within the Shaafi'i *madhhab* (juristic school of thought) that prioritizes those as the main recipients of *zakaat al-fitr*. 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 seeking livelihood, hence accommodating a large population with diverse background.

When economic disruption occurs, specifically the long-term effect of Covid-19 pandemic, many residents in Selangor 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 al-kifaayah* 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 al-fitr* in 2024 only amounted to around RM41 million. In reality, that amount is insufficient to fulfill the needs of the poor and needy *asnaf*, specifically for a complete celebration of 'Eid al-Fitr.

Respected Muslims,

Zakaat al-fitr is a continuation of the *'ibaadah* of Ramadaan fasting, which teaches us about the pang of enduring hunger experienced by the needy. It is upon this *hikmah* (wisdom) comes the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr* which enjoins us to give *sadaqah* (charity) and aid those that are in need. Fasting also teaches the soul to become individuals 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 *radiallaahu 'anhuma* whom said:

فَرَضَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ زَكَاةَ الْفِطْرِ طُهْرَةً لِلصَّائِمِ مِنَ اللَّغْوِ
وَالرَّفَثِ، وَطُعْمَةً لِلْمَسَاكِينِ...

"Rasulullah ﷺ 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 al-fitr* 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.

Therefore, let us altogether remain resolute in fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr* for this year from early on, and strive to increase our *zakaat al-fitr* 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.

Dear blessed congregation,

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* through Selangor 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.

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 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! أَوْصِيكُمْ 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 أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ

الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانِ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَمَدِ سَلَاطُوْرٍ، تَعَكُوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ اِبْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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.

O Allah! Strengthen the *'aqeedah* of the Muslims in this state, *'aqeedah* that is upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*, and spare us from all of the *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا 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 الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.