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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا
الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ تَنَزَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ
وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ
تَأْوِيلًا¹.

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.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

¹ an-Nisaa' 4:59

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

I humbly implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our **taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala** by fulfilling all His Commands and abandoning all matters that He forbade. May we all be blessed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow congregants are reminded to not use the cellular phone while the sermon is being delivered.

In conjunction with the Birthday of His Royal Highness Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Ibrahim, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled **“LONG LIVE YOUR MAJESTY: THE KING BELOVED, THE COUNTRY BLESSED.”**

Dear blessed audience,

Malaysia is a country that is truly unique and blessed. We have a Constitutional Monarchy and Parliamentary Democratic system. This system reveals the *hikmah* (wisdom) in the governance of this country, based on the customs, laws, and Islamic values. Islam upholds leadership institution that is just and has high integrity, what more with leadership that is merciful towards their subjects. In Islamic history, we observed how Caliph ‘Umar bin ‘Abdul ‘Azeez governed his subjects with love and justice. Even Rasulullah ﷺ himself demonstrated a very fine example of good leadership that can be taken as guidance and exemplary.

Similarly, with the *amaanah* (trust) that is shouldered by His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong, where it is not merely a symbol, but His Majesty is the protector of the religion, unifier of the nation, and peacekeeper of the country. In the context of Malaysia, His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan agong has the role as the Head of State, as well as the Head of Islam for the states of Pulau Pinang, Melaka, Sabah,

Sarawak, and the Federal Territories. The Institution of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is not just a tradition, but as a trustee of Allah as the Head of State. The role of the Ruler, standing upon the very concept of “*Ulil Amri*” (those in authority) who is *waajib* (obligatory) to be obeyed for as long as it does not contradict the *shara’*.

Blessed Friday audience,

The relationship between the Ruler and the subjects in Islam is binded by respect, obedience, and *du‘aa* (supplication) for one another. The subjects would need to pour out obedience and loyalty to the Ruler and country, in accordance with the wording of *Rukun Negara* pledge. Loyalty to the King is not only cultural, but it is a religious duty as mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala* in verse 59 of Soorah an-Nisaa’ that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

“O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.”

The obligation of supplicating for one another between the Ruler (leaders) and the *rakyat* (subjects) is one of the important principles in Islam that stresses upon harmonious relationship and mutual respect for the wellbeing and prosperity of both. This relationship is founded upon the basis of love, justice, and obedience to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta‘aala*.

Supplicating for the wellbeing of the Ruler is highly encouraged. In the *hadeeth* of ‘Awf bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

خِيَارُ أَيْمَتِكُمُ الَّذِينَ تُحِبُّونَهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَكُمْ، وَتُصَلُّونَ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَيُصَلُّونَ عَلَيْكُمْ.

“The best of your rulers are those whom you love and who love you, who invoke God’s blessings upon you and you invoke His blessings upon them.”

(Muslim)

This mutual relationship of supplicating for one another reflects the firm bond between the leaders and the masses. This coincides with the concept of “*ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah*” (Islamic brotherhood) that emphasizes on affection and cooperation within the Muslim society. This is an ideal model of the relationship between the Ruler and the subjects, which is mutual love and always supplicating for one another.

Dear Friday audience,

As citizens that prioritizes upon harmony and prosperity, it is *waajib* for us to give full loyalty to the leadership of His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong so that all the agendas of administration and prosperity will be achieved. Surely, we yearn for this nation to grow steadily with its population living in happiness and harmony. Hence, it behooves us to altogether preserve the peacefulness and unity that has been built and abandon any negative effort that intends to destroy this harmony. Under the reign of His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Ibrahim, may the five pillars of *Rukun Negara* – namely Belief in God, Loyal to the King and Country, Supremacy of the Constitution, Rule of Law, Courtesy and Morality – remain steadfast in the heart of every Malaysians.

Finally, let us pray for the wellbeing, protection, and *Ri'aayah* (guardianship) of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Ibrahim so that His Majesty can render the trust with perfection. We know that the *amaanah* shouldered is nothing light and trivial, moreover it will be held accountable in the Hereafter. And we as citizens, in the Hereafter, surely will be questioned about our obedience as subjects, whether it was fulfilled or not.

Dear blessed Friday congregants,

To end the *khutbah* today, there are several points that can be derived as guidelines:

1. Islam upholds the leadership institution, what more if it is established with justice, integrity, and mercy upon the masses.
2. Loyalty to the King is not merely a tradition but a religious obligation that is recorded in al-Qur'an.
3. The obligation of supplicating for one another between the Ruler and the subjects is one of the important principles in Islam in fostering *ukhuwwah Islaamiyyah* and affection for each other.

Long Live Your Majesty! I and all citizens, with full respect and esteem, humble ourselves, and give thanks for the leadership of Your Majesty who imbues the spirit of the people. I and all citizens earnestly supplicate that may Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* continue to shower blessings in age, good health, *tawfeeq* (aid) and *hidaayah* (guidance) upon Your Majesty in protecting the people and preserving the sovereignty of our beloved country. Hail His Majesty!

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ
وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۚ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ٤١

“[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakaah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters.”

(Soorah al-Hajj 22:41)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ
مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ 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 أَوْصِيَكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ
فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.³

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.

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

اللَّهُمَّ أَيْدِ بَدَوَامِ التَّوْفِيقِ وَالْهِدَايَةِ وَالصِّحَّةِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ جَلَالَةَ
مَلِكِنَا كَبَاوَه دُولِي يَغِ مَهَا مَوْلِيَا سَرِي قُدُوكْ بَكِينِدَا يَغِ د-
قَرْتَوَانِ اَكُوغْ سُلْطَانِ إِبْرَاهِيمِ.

وَكَذَلِكَ كَبَاوَه دُولِي يَغِ مَهَا مَوْلِيَا سَرِي قُدُوكْ بَكِينِدَا رَاجِ
قَرْمَايسُورِي اَكُوغْ، رَاجِ زَارِيثُ صُوفِيَاةَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانِ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانِ صَلَاحُ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكُّو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ

عُمْرُهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Have mercy and preserve the pilgrims who will be the guests of The Most Merciful (*Duyooof ar-Rahmaan*) this year. Protect them from all difficulties and hardships throughout their stay in the land of Makkah and Madeenah.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حَجَّهُمْ حَجًّا مَبْرُورًا، وَسَعْيَهُمْ سَعْيًا مَشْكُورًا،
وَذَنْبَهُمْ ذَنْبًا مَغْفُورًا، وَتِجَارَتَهُمْ تِجَارَةً لَّنْ تَبُورَ.

O Allah! Grant their *'ibaadah* (worship) of hajj as hajj that is *mabroor* (accepted), their *sa'ie* accepted, their sins forgiven, their expenditures are well spent, their *wuqoof* filled with penitence, and return them to their homeland safely, in good health, and filled with blessings.

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 who 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! Protect the Muslims and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Safeguard them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them determination, courage, and victory.

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 ﷺ 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 وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶

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

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 3:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.