

LONG LIVE YOUR **MAJESTY:** THE KING BELOVED, THE COUNTRY BLESSED

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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 the cellular use while the phone being sermon is 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:

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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

this governance of based on country, the laws, customs, and values. Islamic 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 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 obeyed for as long as it does not contradict the shara'.

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

the Allah and 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 the another between Ruler (leaders) and the rakyat (subjects) is one important of the 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 said:

"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" brotherhood) (Islamic 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.

As citizens that prioritizes upon harmony

and prosperity, it 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, of the Supremacy Constitution, Rule of Law, Courtesy and Morality - remain

steadfast in the heart of every Malaysians.

Finally, let us pray for wellbeing, the protection, and Ri'aayah (guardianship) of

Paduka Baginda Seri 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.

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 the upon mercy masses.

2. Loyalty to the King merely is not a tradition but a religious obligation that is recorded in al-Qur'an.

3. The obligation supplicating another between the Ruler and the subjects is one of the important principles in in fostering Islam 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.

all and citizens earnestly supplicate Allah that may 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 our beloved country. Hail His Majesty!

"[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)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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



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 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! 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 '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.

