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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَلِكُ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ
وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِيَدِكَ
الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ.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.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

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

¹ Aal 'Imraan 3:26.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



and abstaining from all matters that He prohibited. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this very noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled "**THE UMMAH'S WELL-BEING IS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOVEREIGN SULTAN.**"

Dear blessed Friday audience,

The institution of the sultanate in Islam is not only seen as a symbol of throne and stature, but greater than that it serves as the backbone or pillar for justice and stability of a government. As *Ulil Amr* (those in authority), the sultan is responsible in carrying out the great *amaanah* (trust) bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in preserving the religion and safeguarding the well-being of the masses.

In the state of Selangor, among the major roles assumed by His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor as the Ruler and also the Head of Islam in this state, are as the main reference and symbol of the unification of the Muslims, which not only provides advantage for the Muslim *ummah*, but also maintains life balance for all walks of life in general, despite the different faiths, backgrounds, and cultures.

The principles to be upheld by the leader outlined in Islam are not merely theories that are to be shared, instead they have been practiced and became reality since the establishment of Islamic government in Nusantara (Malay Archipelago) and continues to this day, including in the state of Selangor.

The history of the sultanate in Selangor beginning with Sultan Salehuddin Shah (Raja Lumu) Ibni Opu Daeng Chelak in the year 1766 depicts



the continuity of Islamic leadership traditions inherited from the Bugis Malay ancestors. His Majesty was the first sultan to be crowned by the Sultan of Perak as the founder of the new government in Kuala Selangor. This reflects the strong camaraderie between the institution of Malay Rulers and efforts in empowering Islam as the main pillar of the government.

This role continued to be inherited until the reign of Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah al-Haj, the ninth Sultan of Selangor. Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah al-Haj was well-known for his firmness in ensuring that the Muslims in the state of Selangor cling firmly upon Islamic *'aqeedah* that is *saheeh* (authentic), living in unity, and enjoying prosperity that is guaranteed and safeguarded.

Dear beloved audience,

Every authority on the face of earth, truthfully, came from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Alone. Leaders come and go, governments alternate one after another, all happens according to His Will. This matter was firmly mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 26 of Soorah Aal 'Imraan:

"Say, "O Allah, Owner of Sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whom You will and You take sovereignty away from whom You will. You honor whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent.""

This verse reminds us that authority is not possessed by humans, but that it is *amaanah* that has been rendered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. His Royal Highness the Sultan, as the trustee of this *amaanah*, will surely implement a just government, founded upon the *Sharee'ah* and guided by the advice of the scholars, who are knowledgeable and distinguished. Hence, for



us as citizens, it is an obligation to obey the just ruler, for that obedience is a manifestation of obedience unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

However, that obedience must always be based on the truth and not contradict the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and His Messenger. The '*ulamaa*' (scholars) have asserted that every action of the ruler must be based upon *maslahah 'aammah* (مَصْلَحَة عَامَّة) which is to bring about good and reject harm upon the masses in general.

Based on this principle, we can see the firmness of His Highness the Sultan in determining policies and making decisions, always taking into account the interests and well-being of the people in general. This coincides with the *fiqhi* (legal) maxim emphasizing that governance upon the people must be subjected to the *maslahah*. Hence, for as long as the decisions made were based upon the *maslahah* and not contradicting the *shara'*, then obedience upon the ruler becomes an obligation that strengthens the harmony and stability of the *ummah*.

Beloved audience,

The unity of the people under the auspices of the ruler serves as the main key for the prosperity and well-being of a country. Therefore, all efforts and wisdom exerted by His Majesty the Sultan in solidifying the unity of the people deserves to be respected and obeyed with full *ikhlaas* (sincerity), without any doubt and division.

In the *hadeeth* of ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:



عَلَى الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ فِيمَا أَحَبَّ وَكَرِهَ، إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمَرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ، فَإِنْ أُمِرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ، فَلَا سَمْعَ وَلَا طَاعَةَ

"It is obligatory upon a Muslim to listen (to the ruler) and obey whether he likes it or not, except when he is ordered to do a sinful thing; in such case, there is no obligation to listen or to obey."

(Muslim)

Esteemed Friday congregants,

Since ascending to the throne in 2001, His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Al-Haj, had always manifested unwavering commitment in upholding the religion of Islam, preserving the well-being of the residents, and ensuring that life within community continues to remain harmonious, civilized, and peaceful. His Majesty remains consistent in providing insightful views and considerations to ensure that this state remains prosperous and orderly.

His Majesty's concerns in fostering unity and strength within the Muslim *ummah* is evident through his decree, mandate, and stance that always emphasize on the importance for the *ummah* to avoid any form of dispute, strife, and division. His Majesty stresses that unity is the foundation of the strength of the *ummah* and the cause for the well-being of the state.

In this regard, masjid and *surau* administrators were instructed to become the symbol of unity of the *ummah*, remain impartial to political parties, serving as center for Islamic knowledge that develop sound understanding and *akhlaaq* (character), and offering religious programs that educates the masses



to interact with *adab*, having noble *akhlaaq*, and increasing their *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

His Highness also greatly emphasizes authentic religious education that it gets prioritized, with balance towards the formation of personality and the students' academic performance. This emphasis is important so that students are capable of comprehending the religion with sound understanding, while prepared in facing worldly demands that are becoming more challenging. His Majesty also decreed for the students within the religious and *tahfizh* (Qur'an memorization institutions) system to be well-respected and granted equal opportunity, equal footing with students from other educational streams.

Aside from that, the welfare, safety, and health condition of students within the religious educational streaming also became a major concern for His Majesty. He asserted that all private Islamic schools can only operate after fulfilling all of the terms and conditions stipulated by the Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS), so that the quality of Islamic education remain preserved.

To ensure the '*aqeedah* of the Muslim *ummah* remain upon the authentic path, His Highness asserted that sound Islamic teachings must be safeguarded and defended with firmness. His Majesty reminds us that it becomes *waajib* (obligatory) for the strength of '*aqeedah* to serve as the main fortress for the *ummah*, a fortress that cannot be challenged by deviant teachings or any perverted ideologies.

Furthermore, His Majesty also emphasizes on the matter of governance with integrity. His Highness had expressed his sadness upon cases of embezzlement, power abuse, breach of trust and bribery that are becoming



rampant. His Majesty asserted that the act of breaching trust is an oppression that destroys an organization, weakens the system and harms public service for the citizens. In this regard, His Highness had also shared his views and ideas in strengthening Islamic financial management system specifically in *zakaat* and *waqf* (endowment) institutions within Selangor to become more transparent, effective, and provide comprehensive benefits to the Muslims.

Dear blessed Friday audience,

Verily, the strength of a state does not only depend on its natural resources, wealth, or physical progress alone, but it also relies on the citizens' loyalty upon leaders that are just and responsible.

In other words, the subjects' obedience upon the just ruler will continue to lead towards stability and harmony. When the people are united with the spirit of loyalty and leaders are ruling with *amaanah* and *hikmah*, then by His Leave, there will descend *barakah* (blessings) from the heavens and goodness will emanate from earth, for that is *sunnatullaah* for a land whose residents are believers and its leaders possessing *taqwa*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 96 of Soorah al-A'raaf:

"And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah, We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth."

Therefore, O fellow audience, let us preserve this bond. Do not allow suspicion and whispers of fitnah destroys the pillar of trust. Under the auspices of a just sultan, the state prospers, its subjects live in peacefulness and prosperity, and the honor of Islam will continue to be highly regarded and



respected. May Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* always shower His *tawfeeq*, *hidaayah*, and *inaayah* upon His Royal Highness, the Sultan of Selangor, and the residents of this state, continuing to cling upon the rope of obedience, striving under the banner of Islam, and living with abundant blessings.

Respected Friday audience,

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

1. We must always comprehend and respect the role of *Ulil Amr* by obeying them in matters that do not go against the *Sharee'ah*, in preserving the unity of the *ummah*.
2. We must become proactive citizens by playing our roles in supporting welfare programs and being involved in the efforts of advancing the state and nation.
3. We must always remain grateful upon the favor of living in a peaceful and prosperous state, by fostering harmony, upholding obedience, and supporting efforts to uplift society.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ
مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ تَنَزَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ
تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا .

“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."

(Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:59)

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 أَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيعَةَ، هَدَى لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً،



أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ 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، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ، وَاجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.



اَللّٰهُمَّ وَفِّقْ اَئِمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَوُلَاةَ اُمُوْرِهِمْ وَجَمِيْعَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ
لِمَا فِيْهِ صَلاَحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنٰى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمٰى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُوْر، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحُ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعْكُوْ اَمِيْر شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْضَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'aqeedah of the Muslims upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*. Spare us from all forms of bribery



and abuse of power, as well as misguidance, shirk and superstition, and protect us from *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of disaster, fitnah and calamity. Bestow upon us leaders that have utmost integrity, firmness, and courage in upholding the Truth according to Your *Sharee'ah*.

O Allah! Protect the Muslim *ummah* and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Preserve them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them steadfastness, strength, and victory.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.