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اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ كَبِيرًا، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا، وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَا نَعْبُدُ إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ، وَلَوْ كَرِهَ

الْكَافِرُونَ، وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْفَاسِقُونَ، وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الظَّالِمُونَ.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ، صَدَقَ وَعْدُهُ، وَنَصَرَ عَبْدَهُ، وَأَعَزَّ جُنْدَهُ

وَهَزَمَ الْأَحْزَابَ وَحْدَهُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ

الْحَمْدُ.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمْ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمْ الْعُسْرَ

وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَى مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ.¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا

مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

¹ al-Baqarah 2:185.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَاَصْحَابِهٖ
اَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.²

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Dear beloved *Muslimeen* and *Muslimaat*,

On this glorious and blessed morning of 'Eid al-Fitr, let us altogether increase our gratefulness and strengthen our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with the truest of *taqwa*, which is by adhering to all of His Commands and abandoning all matters that He prohibited. May we all be bestowed with *barakah* (blessings), protection, and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us altogether ponder upon the *khutbah* of 'Eid al-Fitr this year titled,
"SHAWWAAL A NEW BEGINNING."

*Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, and all praise
be to Allah*

Beloved *Muslimeen* and *Muslimaat*,

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

Today marks the 1st of Shawwaal, with echoes of *takbeer* and *tahmeed* extolling the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Uttering *takbeer* and *tahmeed* as a manifestation of *shukr* (gratitude) upon the bounties in celebrating 'Eid and completing the fasting obligation in the month of Ramadaan.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 185 of Soorah al-Baqarah that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

"Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship and [wants] for you to complete the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful."

Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, and all praise be to Allah

Esteemed *Muslimeen* and *Muslimaat*,

Islam is a great religion. It teaches its adherents to always glorify and exalt Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with all of His Perfect Attributes. Ramadaan that we had endured throughout last month served as madrasah of *tarbiyyah* that educates our hearts to fully obey and submit to the superiority of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Verily, mankind should not extol or glorify anything other than Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. None is greater, more magnificent, and more powerful than Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Therefore, on this morning of 'Eid al-Fitr, we have been commanded to make *takbeer* and exalt Him.

Why were we commanded to make *takbeer* and have *shukr*? We make *takbeer* because Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is The Almighty, far greater

than everything. He is The One God that is Most Supreme, while we are only His creations that are subjected to His authority.

At the same time, we also have been commanded to be grateful. We must have *shukr* for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has bestowed upon us the favors of *imaan* (belief) and Islam, the bounty of having the five senses, and peacefulness that we can celebrate 'Eid al-Fitr in an atmosphere of blissfulness, tranquility, and peaceful.

Alhamdulillah, as His slaves we are blessed to embrace 'Eid al-Fitr by performing *salaat al-'Eid* and listening to its *khutbah*. We also get to seek forgiveness and forgive one another, enjoy delicious 'Eid delicacies, and put on beautiful garments. All of these are pleasures that are *waajib* (obligatory) for us to be grateful for.

Indeed, in our hearts and minds, only Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is The Almighty, The Most Supreme.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 62 of Soorah al-Hajj:

"That is because Allah is the Truth, and that which they call upon other than Him is falsehood, and because Allah is the Most High, the Grand."

Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great, and all praise be to Allah

Blessed *Muslimeen* and *Muslimaat*,

The *takbeer* of 'Eid that we proclaim is not merely a sign of happiness and gratefulness towards Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Moreover, it reminds

us of the struggles and sacrifices of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ along with his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum* in defending the religion of Islam and Madeenah from the onslaught of the 10,000 soldiers of al-Ahzaab. This great sacrifice that occurred during the month of Shawwaal, in the fifth Hijri year, served as proof that the victory and glory of the Muslim *ummah* had originated from *imaan*, *sabr* (patience), and aid from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

With *imaan* that is firm and the intelligence of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ along with his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*, Islam in Madeenah remained preserved. Through the spirit of *mushaawarah* (consultation) and mutual cooperation, the citizens of Madeenah fought hard in defending their homeland. In the end, with the help and power of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, the army of al-Ahzaab were successfully defeated.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has preserved this event in Soorah al-Ahzaab as a lesson for the Muslim *ummah* throughout time. It reminds us that *imaan*, *sabr*, and *tawakkul* (full reliance) unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will lead to success and keep us away from failures. Hence, the month of Shawwaal that we celebrate serves as the symbol of victory after the Muslim *ummah* had endured the madrasah of Ramadaan with full *imaan* and sincerely hoping for forgiveness from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 22 of Soorah al-Ahzaab:

"And when the believers saw the companies [of al-Ahzaab], they said, "This is what Allah and His Messenger had promised us, and Allah

and His Messenger spoke the truth." And it increased them only in faith and acceptance."'''

In one *hadeeth*, 'Abdullah bin 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* narrated that the Prophet ﷺ made *takbeer* thrice, and then he ﷺ uttered:

آيُبُونَ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ تَائِبُونَ، عَابِدُونَ حَامِدُونَ، لِرَبِّنَا
سَاجِدُونَ، صَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ، وَنَصَرَ عَبْدَهُ، وَهَزَمَ الْأَحْزَابَ
وَحْدَهُ

"We are returning, if Allah wishes, with repentance and worshipping and praising (our Lord) and prostrating ourselves before our Lord. Allah fulfilled His Promise and helped His slave, and He Alone defeated the Confederates."

(al-Bukhaari.

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Blessed *Muslimeen* and *Muslimaat*,

The battle of al-Ahzaab reminds us that those that truly believe will not be fearful and remain unwavering when facing the enemies of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, whether from external distractions or internal temptations. Furthermore, such trial will only increase their *imaan* and reliance unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is the reality of true *imaan* and *tawakkul* that must be imbued by the Muslim *ummah* today.

Ramadaan that we had recently experienced, truthfully, has trained the soul with *sabr*, discipline, and certainty. Fasting does not weaken the Muslim *ummah* but has instead strengthened them spiritually and physically to persevere in facing life challenges. Therefore, after engaging in prayer, fasting, and *'ibaadah* (worship) throughout Ramadaan, it must be succeeded with *tawakkul* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and full submission to His Will.

Verily, the Shawwaal that we celebrate is not merely a month of joyfulness, but a new beginning in returning to *fitrah* (natural disposition) and continue to strengthen our obedience to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by becoming individuals having utmost *taqwa*, diligently fulfilling His Commands, and firmly leave what He has prohibited.

Therefore, let us continue our struggle in practicing Islam in its entirety in our lives, our family, and society. Always perform *tawbah* (repentance) to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, safeguard our prayers, observe our *'awrah*, and revive the spirit of togetherness so that our lives are always blessed.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 208 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

"O you who have believed, enter into Islam completely [and perfectly] and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy."

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Blessed *Muslimeen* and *Muslimaat*,

To end the *'Eid al-Fitr khutbah* today, let us altogether internalize the following lessons as guidelines in our daily life:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must exalt and glorify Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with sound *imaan* through chants of *takbeer*, *tahmeed*, and gratefulness upon the favors of *imaan*, Islam, and the opportunity to perfect the *'ibaadah* of fasting in the month of Ramadaan.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must exemplify the firmness of *imaan* manifested by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions by having *sabr*, *tawakkul*, and unafraid to endure challenges and trials in defending the religion of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, and nurture Islamic atmosphere within the family institution and society.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize the month of Shawwaal as the new beginning in returning to *fitrah* by continuing to increase obedience unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, performing His Commands, leaving out His prohibitions, and practicing Islam comprehensively in life.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي صَدَقَنَا وَعْدَهُ وَأَوْرَثَنَا الْأَرْضَ نَتَبَوَّأُ مِنَ
الْجَنَّةِ حَيْثُ نَشَاءُ فَنِعْمَ أَجْرُ الْعَمَلِينَ .

“And they will say, “Praise to Allah, who has fulfilled for us His promise and made us inherit the earth [so] we may settle in Paradise wherever we will. And excellent is the reward of [righteous] workers.””

(Soorah az-Zumar 39:74)

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

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THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ مُعِيدِ الْجَمْعِ وَالْأَعْيَادِ، وَمُبِيدِ الْأُمَمِ وَالْأَجْنَادِ،

وَجَامِعِ النَّاسِ لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ،

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا

عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ الْمَفْضَلُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ

تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ

بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ

آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear respected Muslimeen and Muslimaat,

After one month of *mujaahadah* (striving), immersed in the 'ibaadah of Ramadaan, let us not tarnish 'Eid al-Fitr with vile acts or evil traits within ourselves. Remain consistent in the recitation and *tadabbur* (reflection) of al-

Qur'an everyday, engage in worship, give *sadaqah* (charity), and frequent the masjid and *surau* with congregational prayers.

Indeed, 'Eid al-Fitr teaches us to continue pursuing righteousness that was made accustomed so that it will become part of one's culture. It also reminds us upon human *fitrah*, yearning to live in peacefulness, unity, and harmony. While at the same time, staying away from spreading fake news, slander, envy, insulting and inciting others.

Complete the practice of visiting others with beneficial discussions and interactions that are cordial, constructive and harmonizing. Avoid debating hot issues that would only cause disputes and arguments.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ أَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ

وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدٍ سَلَاعُور، تَغْكُو أَمِير شَاه إِبْنِ
السُّلْطَان شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ.
تَقَبَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنَّا وَمِنْكُمْ صَالِحَ الْأَعْمَالِ
مِنَ الْعَائِدِينَ وَالْفَائِزِينَ، وَكُلُّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرٍ
