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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
تَأْوِيلًا.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

¹ an-Nisaa' 4:59.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

Dear blessed Muslims,

I sincerely 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 His forbidden matters. May we all be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow congregation is reminded to not fiddle with the mobile phone while the *khutbah* is being delivered.

While we carve our steps to the House of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* today with a heart that is tranquil and the journey eased, let us pause for a bit to ponder upon one reality that somewhere on this earth there are those that would leave their home in a state of worry, families living in fear, moreover some are even unsure whether they will return home or not. All praise be to Allah, we in our homeland are still able to live in a peaceful atmosphere, able to perform '*ibaadah* (worship) without interruption, and still able to undergo our lives in a state of peace and prosperity. Hence, this *ni'mah* (favor) is no coincidence but a great *ni'mah* from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that is *wajib* (obligatory) to be preserved and grateful for.

In conjunction with the birthday of Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong, with full reverence, I will humbly expound on a *khutbah* titled "**Long Live Your Majesty: The King's Trust, The Citizens' Responsibility.**"

Respected congregation,

Indeed, Islam place leadership as a great *amaanah* (trust), not merely a glorified nobility. Within the context of our nation, His Royal Highness the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is not just a symbol of national sovereignty, but His Majesty

is the Umbrella that shelters the citizens, the Guardian of the official religion, and the Pillar of national stability.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions 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 command to obey *Ulil Amr* (those in authority) after the commandment to obey Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and His Messenger indicates that it is a grave obligation upon every Muslim. This signifies that leadership in Islam is an *amaanah* that is of utmost significance, while obedience is a responsibility that is born out of *imaan* (faith).

The command to obey the Muslim leader was not only asserted in al-Qur'an, moreover it was also a reminder by the Messenger ﷺ to obey the Muslim leader for as long as it pertains the lawful matters and not involving disobedience.

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

السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ مَا لَمْ يُؤْمَرْ بِالْمَعْصِيَةِ فَإِذَا أُمِرَ
بِمَعْصِيَةٍ فَلَا سَمْعَ وَلَا طَاعَةَ

"It is obligatory for one to listen to and obey (the Ruler's orders) unless these orders involve one disobedience (to Allah); but if an act of disobedience (to Allah) is imposed, he should not listen to or obey it."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear blessed congregants,

Within the prudence of Malay heritage, it is deemed that the Ruler is inseparable from the subjects. The Ruler and the citizens are akin to "the bamboo and the riverbank" (meaning: mutual aiding of one another), mutually reinforcing and inseparable in the wake of any challenges. Furthermore, it can be likened to the ship in the ocean, where the Ruler is the captain that determines the direction, while the people as the rowers that move the entourage. If one malfunctions, then the vessel will not reach its intended destination.

Respected audience,

Today, the world is faced with a plethora of uncertainties. Conflicts in various regions, economic pressure that is increasingly felt, and social challenges that are increasingly challenging the patience of society. All these have implications upon our lives as citizens, whether directly or indirectly.

In a situation like this, the country cannot stand on a single strength alone. It cannot only rely upon its leadership, and it cannot be left to the citizens separately. Moreover, it necessitates solid unity, where all parties would galvanize their energy, along with mutual trust and mutual support.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the second verse of Soorah al-Maa'idah:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

“And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression.”

Dear beloved audience,

In facing all these challenges, let us join forces, bolster our unity, improve our *akhlaaq* (character), and strengthen trust in each other. Let us not just demand peace, but we ourselves become the very cause for destruction. Let us not only hope for stability, but we ourselves remain heedless in fulfilling our responsibilities.

Today, we manifest our love and loyalty with the statement “*Dirgahayu Tuanku*” (May His Majesty have a long life). However, the reality of loyalty is not just upon utterances but in actual attitude and actions. Indeed, *amaanah* is not only burdened upon the shoulders of leaders but it is also carried upon the shoulders of the citizens. If the King protects with justice, then the citizens must thrive with obedience. If the leaders safeguard the country, then it behooves the citizens to guard the soul of the nation.

Dear blessed Friday audience,

To end the sermon today, let us derive several important advices as guidelines in life:



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 أَصْلِحْ أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَيْدِ بَدَوَامِ التَّوْفِيقِ وَالْهُدَايَةِ وَالصِّحَّةِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ جَلَالَةَ

مَلِكِنَا كَبَاوَهُ دَوْلِي يَغِ مَهَا مَوْلِيَا سَرِي قُدُوكْ بَكِينِدَا يَغِ د-

قَرْتَوَانِ اَكُوغْ سُلْطَانِ إِبْرَاهِيمِ.

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.



وَكَذَلِكَ كَبَاوَهُ دَوْلِي يَغْ مَهَا مَوْلِيَا سَرِي قُدُوكْ بَكِينْدَا رَاچ
قَرْمَايسُورِي اَكُوغْ، رَاچ زَارِيْثُ صُوفِيَاهُ.
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 شَرْفُ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسْ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحُ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحْحَةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعْكُوْ اَمِيْر شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفُ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسْ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْضَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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*, as formulated by Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari and Imaam Abu Mansoor al-Maatureedi, practicing upon the

Shaafi'i *Madhhab* (juristic school of thought) while accepting the other three *madhaahib*, practicing *tasawwuf* upon the way of Imaam Junayd al-Baghdaadi and Imaam al-Ghazaali. Spare us from all forms of bribery and abuse of power, as well as misguidance and extremism, 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 آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.



ISLAMIC SAVOUR OBLIGED

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