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## “PRESERVING THE SANCTITY OF AL-QUR’AN IS A COLLECTIVE DUTY”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ عِوَجًا ۝١<sup>1</sup>

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آئِلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا 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 ۝١٠٢<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

On this blessed Friday, I sincerely remind myself and fellow audience to diligently strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’ala*, which is through fulfilling all of the commands of Allah and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Verily, *taqwa* is the best provision for blissfulness in our lives, whether in this world or the Hereafter.

The title of the Friday *khutbah* today is **“PRESERVING THE SANCTITY OF AL-QUR’AN IS A COLLECTIVE DUTY.”**

<sup>1</sup> al-Kahf 18:1.

<sup>2</sup> Aal ‘Imraan 3:102.



**Dear respected audience,**

Al-Qur’an is *Kalaam Allah* (the Word of Allah) that was revealed to our Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ, in the Arabic language through the intermediary of angel Jibreel ‘*Alayhissalaam*, conveyed in a *mutawaatir* (successive) manner, beginning with soorah al-Faatihah and ending with soorah an-Naas, where its recitation is ‘*ibaadah* (worship).

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* had sent down al-Qur’an as a manual or guide to human life, as He mentions in the second verse of soorah al-Baqarah:

ذَٰلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢﴾

**“This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah.”**

The Book of al-Qur’an also expounds on the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*, legislations in worldly life, and it is a *mu’jizah* (miracle) for all time.

Al-Qur’an and *Hadeeth* of Rasulullah ﷺ are closely intertwined in determining religious rulings. It is to further strengthen every provisions and rulings mentioned in al-Qur’an, mentioned as *Bayaan at-Taqreer*, which means strengthening the content of al-Qur’an. For example, the *hadeeth* pertaining to the command for *wudoo’* (ablution), namely the statement of the Prophet ﷺ which means:

**“No prayer is accepted without ablution.”**

(*al-Bukhaari and Muslim*)



This *hadeeth* indicates *taqreer* (tacit approval) for verse 6 of soorah al-Maa'idah, which means:

***“O you who have believed, when you rise to [perform] prayer, wash your faces and your forearms to the elbows and wipe over your heads and wash your feet to the ankles.”***

Indeed, the revelation of al-Qur'an is a blessed gift from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* bestowed upon all of us, and it behoove us to constantly remain grateful, as He mentions in verses 1 and 2 of soorah al-Kahf:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ عِوَجًا ۝  
قِيَمًا لِيُنذِرَ بَأْسًا شَدِيدًا مِّن لَّدُنْهُ وَيُبَشِّرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ  
الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا حَسَنًا ۝

***“[All] praise is [due] to Allah, who has sent down upon His Servant the Book and has not made therein any deviance. [He has made it] straight, to warn of severe punishment from Him and to give good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a good reward.”***

**Dear blessed Friday congregation,**

One special feature of al-Qur'an that is not found with other heavenly books is that it will be preserved by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Himself. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 9 of soorah al-Hijr:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ۝



**“Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur’an and indeed, We will be its guardian.”**

It is very clear for us that this verse provides the guarantee regarding the sanctity and purity of al-Qur’an that is everlasting until the end of time from any tampering or forgery. Furthermore, every year the number of its memorizers (*huffaazh*) would increase, perfecting the memorization of the verses of Allah. This is due to the awareness and strong interest within the society towards religious education through the *tahfizh* (school for Quranic memorization) institution nowadays that many of these institutions are under the supervision of state religious authorities. However, recently we were all startled by the damages inflicted upon manuscripts of al-Qur’an in the *masaajid*, *suraus*, schools, and private residences due to the recent major floods in various districts within the state of Selangor. However, there have been sincere efforts from various quarters in aiding JAIS (Selangor Islamic Religious Department) in collecting damaged copies of al-Qur’an. Over 155 tons of the holy scriptures and materials containing verses of al-Qur’an were accumulated and disposed by JAIS, in line with the sense of responsibility embraced by the Department in preserving the sanctity of al-Qur’an.

Truthfully, in spite of such calamity, we are being tested to instill a sense of concern for the needs of our brethren whom are faced with tragedy, especially for the students whom are in need of copies of al-Qur’an and religious books in continuing their learning. Therefore, JAIS implores all Muslims to make *infaaq* (donation) of RM30 per copy for the purpose of *waqf* (endowment) of al-Qur’an to the Selangor Al-Qur’an Endowment Fund (Post-Flood). Through the Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund (TIJARI), JAIS targets as many as 50,000 copies of al-Qur’an to be distributed to *masaajid*, *suraus*, as well as religious schools



and *tahfizh* institutions, and also members of the public who were affected by the flood, as replacement for the damaged copies of al-Qur'an.

**Dear blessed audience,**

We should be grateful for the sanctity and nobility of al-Qur'an is still well preserved and safeguarded in our nation. This is because the Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN) has been tasked to implement the enforcement and control of text and materials relating to al-Qur'an through the Printing of Qur'anic Text Act 1986 (*Akta 326*). Through the Committee for the Review and Evaluation of Qur'anic Text (*Lajnah Tas-heeh al-Qur'an*) that is comprised of 35 individuals from among Qur'anic memorizers and experts in Qur'anic manuscript, it assumes the role of ensuring the authenticity of every verse of al-Qur'an before it is authorized to be printed.

**Dear beloved Muslims,**

In terms of enforcement, local KDN representatives in each state will carry out periodic monitoring in business premises, scheduled inspections in printing and publishing companies, as well as integrated inspections based on complaints on any premises. Therefore, with enforcement and control, *mus-hafs* (Qur'anic copies) that are scattered nationwide are safeguarded from errors and deviations.

While in the quality aspect, KDN obligates that every publisher use quality papers for the printing of *mus-hafs*, abiding by the guidelines stipulated that is the method for marking verses or recitations, and also guidelines in naming the title of *mus-haf*.

**Dearest audience,**



The responsibility in preserving accuracy in the printing of Qur'anic manuscript in Malaysia necessitate integrated cooperation between government agencies and the general public. To avoid any confusion, deviation, and falsification within the new printouts and publications, the general public must ensure that every *mus-haf* comes with the KDN approval stamp and KDN hologram sticker as proof of validity for the print according to the approval determined by KDN's Board of Control and Licensing for the Printing of al-Qur'an. If the opposite is found, then one can lodge a complaint to the state KDN office for the purpose of investigation, inspection, and enforcement.

**Dear blessed audience,**

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether ponder upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have *imaan* (faith), *yaqeen* (certainty), and no doubt upon the truthfulness and teachings of al-Qur'an, which is *kalaamullaah* for the guidance of mankind.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that copies of al-Qur'an in possession have obtained authorization from KDN.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that the nobility of al-Quran must be preserved by disposing it according to disposal procedures prescribed by state authorities.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must instill the recitation of al-Qur'an as daily practice and not just to garner rewards alone, moreover for *tadabbur* (reflection) and internalization in their daily lives.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٧٧﴾ فِي كِتَابٍ مَّكْنُونٍ ﴿٧٨﴾ لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا  
الْمُطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾ تَنْزِيلٌ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾

**“Indeed, it is a noble Qur’an. In a Register well-protected; None touch it except the purified. [It is] a revelation from the Lord of the worlds.”**

(Soorah al-Waaqi’ah 56:77-80)

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 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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ  
بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

**Dear blessed audience,**

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic.

May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, disciplined in adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and deriving lessons from everything that has happened, always vigilant and mindful though we have been given a bit of freedom to move about. This is because the entire nation is still fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the society as a whole.



For those that are truly affected by this pandemic, do not take the easy way out by harming and injuring oneself. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.

Let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has commanded:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ  
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ  
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.  
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا



المُعْظِم، سُلْطَانِ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه  
الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانِ صَلاَحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه  
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيرِ شَاهِ اِبْنِ  
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحِ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Word and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.

O Allah, bestow upon us sustenance that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for it is a betrayal upon the trust given.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through



Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

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

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.  
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣١﴾.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى  
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



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