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## “BRIBERY”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَطْلِ وَتُدْلُوا  
بِهَا إِلَى الْحُكَّامِ لِتَأْكُلُوا فَرِيقًا مِّنْ أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ بِالْإِثْمِ وَأَنْتُمْ  
تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٨﴾<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 آلِهِ 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,**

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by abiding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all be granted success in this world and the Hereafter.

Let us altogether thoroughly internalize upon today's *khutbah* titled  
**“BRIBERY.”**

<sup>1</sup> al-Baqarah 2:188.

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



**Dear respected audience,**

Allah mentions in verse 188 of soorah al-Baqarah, which was recited in the *muqaddimah* (introduction) of this *khutbah*, what means:

***“And do not consume one another’s wealth unjustly or send it [in bribery] to the rulers in order that [they might aid] you [to] consume a portion of the wealth of the people in sin, while you know [it is unlawful].”***

Narrated ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr *radiallahu ‘anhuma*:

لَعَنَ اللَّهُ الرَّاشِيَّ وَالْمُرْتَشِيَّ.

***“Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) cursed the one who bribes and the one who takes bribes.”***

(at-Tirmidhi)

Bribery is very dangerous and truly a grave catastrophe. It is something that will severely harm the society, the Muslims, and causes the administration and management of a system to become unstable.

Bribery occurs in all dealings, including the affairs of judiciary, real estate, taxation, *zakaat*, and others, even in matters involving the religion and religious figures. Therefore, Allah sternly prohibited bribery and cursed its doer due to its severe harm, hence one cannot offer bribe nor accept it. One cannot give bribe and it is unlawful for a government officer to accept bribery, moreover it is *waajib* (obligatory) to remain vigilant upon such corrupt practice.

**Dear blessed congregation,**

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has been authorized to investigate, interrogate, and arrest those involved in bribery



within the public and private sectors. Offenses include the act of giving or receiving bribes, extortion, attempted bribery, abuse of power, bribery through agents, and even bribery in public procurement and elections.

The Muslim scholars have explained the meaning of *ar-raashi* is one who gives bribe, while *al-murtashi* is one that accepts it. *La'nah* (curse) is invoked upon the one that give for such act harms others, and in return the perpetrator would gain something that is not rightfully his or hers. *La'nah* is also invoked upon *al-murtashi*, meaning the taker. *La'nah* is also upon *ar-*raa'ish**, the middleman that serves as the mediator between the two.

When speaking about corruption, for an employee it seems almost impossible to escape from it. It is like saying "it is impossible to not taste the honey or poison that is at the tip of the tongue," hence it is impossible for the government official to not taste the government's revenue. Just like how we are not sure whether the fish in the water swallows the water or not. It is very difficult for us to determine whether a government officer took the government's money for himself or not.

Some people would utilize their position and office to reap material benefits. For example, by stipulating reward in return for the appointment of an individual or approving the transfer of an officer from a district to another, and its like.

The ruling for accepting such reward is *haram* (impermissible). This is based on the *hadeeth* of Abu Umaamah *radiallaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ شَفَعَ لِأَخِيهِ شَفَاعَةً، فَأَهْدَى لَهُ هَدِيَّةً عَلَيَّهَا فَقَبِلَهَا  
، فَقَدْ أَتَى بَابًا عَظِيمًا مِنْ أَبْوَابِ الرَّبِّ



**“If anyone intercedes for his brother and he presents a gift to him for it and he accepts it, he approaches a great door of the doors of usury (riba).”**

(Abu Dawood)

### **Esteemed Muslims,**

Nowadays, bribery has become a common habit. For some government officials, bribery becomes a source of income that is even greater than their salary. Various business affairs and other matters, almost all would begin and end with corruption. This is truly detrimental for the poor, for corruption render laws and regulations as being no longer useful. Those who are entitled are being replaced with those undeserving. Because of corruption, earnings that are deservedly for those that had worked for it have been channeled to others that are making profits.

Bribery also involves religious figures, while they knowingly know its juristic rulings and being among the major sins, but because the worldly gain is just too overwhelming, hence gone are the trustworthiness (*amaanah*), honesty, and sincerity (*ikhlaas*) that were once embedded within the heart all these while. Those that were greatly hoped to preserve their self-dignity and religion, moreover constantly calling the society towards good, would actually drown and transgress against the prohibition of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Have they forgotten upon the severe warning from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 44 of soorah al-Baqarah:

أَتَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبُرِّ وَتَنْسَوْنَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَتْلُونَ  
الْكِتَابَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾



***“Do you order righteousness of the people and forget yourselves while you recite the Scripture? Then will you not reason?”***

Revelations from MACC regarding the involvement of religious figures within government agencies in bribery cases is something that is utterly embarrassing and should not even occur. MACC had revealed that employees and officers from religious agencies are no exceptions from getting embroiled in bribery cases.

**Dear noble audience,**

Corruption must be eradicated by the authority by imposing stricter laws so that they become fearful and intimidating. In dealing with corruption cases, the authority must be very focused on preventive measures before the occurrence of such criminal activity.

Allah detailed in verse 176 of soorah al-A'raaf that there was once a pious person, whom acknowledged the truthfulness of Muhammad ﷺ, but due to greed for worldliness, surrendering to lustful desire, craving for authority and wealth, *shaytaan* had rigorously tempted them that they slipped and fell outside the fold of the true religion. Remember, when the pious person betrays Allah, Allah likens him to a dog:

فَمَثَلُهُ كَمَثَلِ الْكَلْبِ إِنْ تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْهِ يَلْهَثْ أَوْ تَتْرُكْهُ يَلْهَثْ

***“...So his example is like that of the dog: if you chase him, he pants, or if you leave him, he [still] pants...”***

Such is the parable of religious figures when involved in sinful matters such as corruption and its like. وَالْعِيَادُ بِاللَّهِ .

**Dear blessed audience,**



The treasures of this world are temptingly seductive. So much so that one would no longer care about its *halaal* (lawful) and *haraam* (unlawful) status.

In the *hadeeth* of Khawlah bint Qays *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ هَذَا الْمَالَ حُلْوَةٌ خَضِرَةٌ، مَنْ أَصَابَهُ بِحَقِّهِ بُورِكَ لَهُ فِيهِ، وَرُبَّ مُتَخَوِّضٍ فِيمَا شَاءَتْ نَفْسُهُ، مِنْ مَالِ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ، لَيْسَ لَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِلَّا النَّارُ

***“Indeed this wealth is green and sweet. Whoever gets what he deserves of it then he shall be blessed in it. And many a person who deals with what he wants for himself, from the wealth of Allah and His Messenger, gets nothing on the Day of Judgment but the Fire.”***

*(Muslim)*

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

Let us altogether ponder upon several important advice and lessons from this *khutbah*. Among them:

1. It is *wajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to distance itself from acts of major sins, which is offering and accepting bribery.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have fear upon the punishment of Allah and respect the laws of the country regarding bribery.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must have regret and remorse that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* curses the giver and taker of bribery. What more if it is done by religious figures.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَبُرِّزَتِ الْجَحِيمُ لِلْغَاوِينَ ﴿٩١﴾

**“And Hellfire will be brought forth for the deviators.”**

(Soorah ash-Shu‘araa’ 26:91)

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



المُعْظِمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى 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.