



"THOSE INVOLVED IN BRIBERY ARE CURSED BY ALLAH"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ إِلَّا
أَنْ تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً عَنْ تَرَاضٍ مِّنْكُمْ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا ﴿٢٦﴾
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ
صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى 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.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *imaan* and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. In addition, let us strive to seek *halaal* sustenance and avoid the *haraam* ones so as to attain the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in this world and the Hereafter.

Inshaa Allaah, today's *khutbah* will attempt to awaken us to the fact that **"THOSE INVOLVED IN BRIBERY ARE CURSED BY ALLAH."**

Blessed Muslims,

The ones involved in bribery are both the giver and taker. Bribery is a deviated behavior in societal living and it is a social disease that is vehemently prohibited in Islam. This is because giving bribery is not driven by *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and it is not intended to attain the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. In one *hadeeth*, Rasulullah ﷺ had cursed those that give and accepts bribery, including its mediator.

It was narrated from Imaam at-Tirmidhi, on the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu'anh* whom narrated:



لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ الرَّاشِيَّ وَالْمُرْتَشِيَّ فِي الْحُكْمِ

"The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) cursed the one who bribes and the one who takes a bribe for a judgment."

Dear blessed audience,

Why does Islam deem bribery as a heinous crime and cursed by Allah? It is because bribery leaves a devastating impact upon the justice and administrative system. It sets aside the rights of others in the interest of certain quarters.

Respected Muslims,

The crime of bribery is a practice from the *Jaahiliyyah* (the period of Ignorance), which manifests how low and wicked the *akhlaaq* and behavior of those involved, whether the giver or taker. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in Soorah al-Baqarah, verse 188:

وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتُدْخُلُوا بِهَا إِلَى الْحُكَّامِ لِتَأْكُلُوا فَرِيقًا
مِّنْ أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ بِالْإِثْمِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٨﴾

"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]."

(al-Baqarah 2:188)

This verse explains that bribery is a practice that is severely condemned by Allah. It is a disease in a society that is full of greed for wealth, selfishness, and oppressive upon others.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Bribery includes asking, offering, and accepting the bribe, making false claim, and abuse of power for personal interest or one's family or certain quarters. It includes what is commonly known as *duit kopi* (coffee money), *pelincir* (lubricant), *tumbuk rusuk* (rib punch), and *duit tepi* (side cash), whether in the form of cash or benefits such as tire replacement, paid



vacation, bill payment, call girl, home renovation, and various other favors that are difficult to be investigated by SPRM (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, MACC).

Indeed, anything originating from bribery is vile and *haraam* to be consumed, for the flesh that grows out of *haraam* sources, its rightful place in the Hereafter will be the Hellfire.

In a *hadeeth* collected by Imaam Ahmad where Jaabir bin 'Abdullah *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* narrated that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مَنْ نَبَتَ لَحْمُهُ مِنْ سُحْتٍ، النَّارُ أَوْلَى بِهِ

"That flesh will not enter Paradise which has grown from haraam, and all that flesh which has grown from haraam, the fire (of Hell) is more worthy of it."

Verily, the nation's well being depends upon the quality level of its citizens. If they live the lifestyle that is pure, according to Islamic teachings, then the nation becomes strong and thriving. But if the citizens are upon a lifestyle that is vile with practices such as bribery and power abuse, then the nation will collapse and regress. With bribery, its perpetrator escapes the punishment. It is also with bribery that the innocent ones get punished. Allah will retract all of the bounties bestowed, through various tribulations upon us.

Blessed Muslims,

Those committing bribery are those having uncontrolled desire or sheer greed, living a lifestyle of luxury, desires to become rich instantly, and blindly imitating others without realizing their own capacity. Figures from SPRM indicates that there are various level of people that are involved in bribery including the professionals and management group, the support groups, the politicians, and the general public.

According to the statistics from SPRM's official website, the total number of people arrested in 2015 was 842, while up until November 2016, a total of 898 people have been arrested, an increase of 57 individuals. Based on that increment, these perpetrators cannot be left alone to do as they please, for their wrongdoing can be deemed as betrayal to the religion, society, and nation.



Respected audience,

Bribery leaves severe negative effects upon those involved and the authorities. It also leaves negative effects upon the society and nation, departmental and organizational administrations, and many others. Examples would be as follows:

1. Upon the individuals, its negative effect would cause one to lose his occupation, integrity and dignity, wrecked harmony within the household, and the children's education neglected.
2. For departmental and organizational administration, its negative effect would be that centralized authority falls only within certain individuals, discretionary power goes beyond the rule of law and its procedures, and the lives of officials become so lavish that officials would openly ask for bribes in expediting application process.
3. Its negative impact upon the society and nation would be the injustices caused from denying the rights of others. This can disrupt social and political stability, and security, as well as affecting the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration. Bribery can also increase the rate of inflation and criminal injustices within the society.

Such are the adverse effects of bribery, if it is not eradicated. Those involved in bribery, whether offering or accepting, or even acting as mediator, can be deemed as stealing from the citizen's wealth.

From an *'aqeedah* standpoint, accepting bribery can lead to *kufr* (disbelief). In a *hadeeth* collected by Imaam at-Tabaraani, it was narrated from ibn Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu'anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الرِّشْوَةُ فِي الْحُكْمِ كُفْرٌ

"Bribery in judgment is kufr."

Blessed Muslims,

Before getting ensnared by the traps of bribery, let us ponder upon those immersed in opulence from unlawful sources that they will not attain



security in this worldly life and the Hereafter, for Allah is All-Aware of their wrongdoing, and others will eventually know about such accursed practice. Bribery is a form of oppression and betrayal. They will be punished by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* even in this world, and in the Hereafter as the dwellers of Hellfire.

In a *hadeeth* narrated by Imaam at-Tabaraani, it was narrated from 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu'anhuma* that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الرَّاشِي وَالْمُرْتَشِي فِي النَّارِ

"The giver and the taker of bribes both will be put in the Hell."

Such is the magnitude of the sin and punishment from Allah to those giving and accepting bribes. Therefore:

- Are those immersed in bribery willing to place unlawful food into the mouths of their beloved children and wives?
- Are those immersed in bribery willing to give unlawful money to their parents who had long rendered their service?
- Is it right for those immersed in bribery to treat their colleagues and friends from the bribery money received?

Dearest audience,

To conclude the *khutbah* today, let us altogether ponder upon the lessons from today's *khutbah*:

1. The Muslim *ummah*, whom firmly believe in Allah and the Last Day, must abstain from bribery and all forms of deviation that would incur the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must always seek blessings in this life by avoiding bribery and corruption.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must increase their awareness by seeking and internalizing the knowledge of *fard al-ayn* (individual obligations) so that they will be able to distinguish between the *halaal* and *haraam* in fulfilling their life necessities.



4. The Muslim *ummah* must fully cooperate with the authorities in the effort of eradicating bribery, regardless whether dealing with the elite or subordinates.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلَتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ
وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

"And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:104)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. At the same time, we are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim *ummah* and our nation.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

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

اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاعُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُولِّيَ عَهْدِ سَلَاعُور، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ



ادريس شاه الحاج في أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ.
اللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ
الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in the state of Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan*, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our *rizq*, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe trials such as droughts, floods, the plagues of Zika and Dengue, so that our state will always remain protected and blessed.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations, as well as making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth especially to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation) and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

O Allah, protect us from the practices and '*aqeedah* that are astray such as *Shee'ah*, *Qadiyaani*, and other ideologies.

O Allah, aid Your slaves, the Rohingya Muslims, whom are severely tested and brutally oppressed. O Allah, bestow '*izzah* (honor) upon our brethren, the Rohingyas, and destroy the disbelievers' regime with Your army, O Allah.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ. عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ



وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ ۚ يَعِظُكُمْ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

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