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BRIBERY DESTROYS THE NATION



Let us all increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* with full obedience, certainty, and sincerity. It is through fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, we truly hope to become individuals having utmost *taqwa*, attaining success and salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*

in its truest sense and essence.
And let us die not except in the
state of Islam.

Let us contemplate and ponder
upon today's *khutbah* titled,
**“Bribery Destroys The
Nation.”**

Allah mentions in al-Qur'an:
“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)

These days the Muslim *ummah* is openly exposed to bribery, which had actually existed from the time of the Prophet and continues until today.

Unfortunately it is at a highly critical and severe stage within Muslim societies. This phenomenon is a chronic social disease, akin to the

cancer that is very difficult to be treated, which in the end leaves adverse effects upon individuals, society, and the nation's administrative structure if effective

preventive measures are not taken from early on. This phenomenon must be given serious attention by all parties in curbing it from further spreading.

Bribery is a “gift” or “payoff” given in return for specific reasons, in attaining the intended outcome or resolution. It is a form of corruption that is despised and prohibited in Islam,

having various names such as ‘*sogokan*’ (fix), ‘*makan suap*’ (mouth feed), or ‘*tumbuk rusuk*’ (rib punch).

The spread of bribery within the Muslim community today is nothing new for it

has long existed from previous generations.

However, the bribery of old is ‘limited’ and its widespread was not as bad as today, where it has become monstrous and rampant,

often overlooked and openly practiced. In Islam, bribery is *haraam* and it is a major sin, with both its giver and receiver accursed. ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘As *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*

narrated: Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:
The Messenger of Allah
(*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*)
cursed the one

**who offers a bribe (*ar-raashi*)
and the one who takes it (*al-murtashi*).**

**(Abu Dawood, at-Tirmidhi, ibn
Maajah, Ahmad: *saheeh*)**

Bribery is from among acts that will cause our ‘ibaadah and *du‘a* to be rejected. What a loss if our ‘ibaadah and *du‘a* are left in vain because of bribery. Even worse, if this heinous

practice is not further curbed from spreading, it can incur various calamities and natural disasters in our lives, as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“They have been put under
humiliation [by Allah]
wherever they are overtaken,
except for a covenant
from Allah and a rope from
the Muslims. And they have
drawn upon

**themselves anger
from Allah and have been put
under destitution. That is
because they disbelieved in the
verses**

of Allah and killed the prophets without right. That is because they disobeyed and [habitually] transgressed.”

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:112)

In reality, bribery has a vast meaning, and as known it is not only confined to the financial side but also includes the abuse of power and authority that was entrusted merely for the sake

of personal or family gain, or certain quarters' interest.

As an example, a person that has the authority to select and grant approval for tender selections,

he would only approve bidders
that would give him acceptable
kickbacks and payoffs,
disregarding others that are
more eligible and qualified for
the job.

Similarly for the one entrusted in hiring employees, he would sideline those qualified and worthy of the position, and instead gives preference to his cronies or those promising him perks and incentives.

In order for this disease to be taken seriously, we must highlight the main factors contributing to its spread.

Among them:

1- The political factor within the country with individuals rushing to accumulate wealth through the political arena, where their involvement in politics is not to uphold the

plight of the masses but rather to abuse their authority in amassing wealth and profit, disregarding the limits and rule of law.

2- The social factor within the country, where prevailing lack of knowledge and faith (religiosity) causes weakness of *imaan* with

weak and feeble moral values. Such that, some would deem the need for luxury living as utmost priority, regardless of the *halaal* and *haraam* matters entailed.

3- The effect of lavish lifestyle and materialistic culture that is excessive, to the extent that the society freely neglects the importance of *halaal* and *haraam* in seeking their livelihood.

From the main factors mentioned, we see that they clearly pave the way for individuals to fall into bribery, leaving damaging effect to the country, causing severe moral decay within

the society, hindering positive growth and development, crippling the economy, causing the nation's wealth to be monopolized by few individuals,

which further threatens the stability of the nation, hence denying the democratic system that guarantees due rights for all.

In concluding this *khutbah*, let us take preventative measures in curbing this heinous crime, namely:

1- Strengthening our *imaan* and character, for solid *imaan* and upright

personality will provide potent defense system in fighting against bribery. When every individual reject and abhors such corrupt practice, whether

normal citizens, leaders, or government employees, then this disease can be overcome.

2- Emphasizing the topic pertaining bribery within the educational system.

The evil of this corrupt practice can be further understood and internalized if taught from early schooling period. The generation that is nurtured and taught to hate bribery

will grow to become responsible
and trustworthy individuals,
hence creating a bribery-free
generation.

3- Increasing law enforcement and legislating harsher punishment so that the society will be aware of the danger and peril of bribery to the nation's well being if left unaddressed.

4- Intensify the awareness campaign regarding the corrupt practice of bribery, through both publications and broadcasting media, in conveying the

information to the masses regarding its danger and ill effects if left spreading without preventive actions.

“And do not incline toward those who do wrong, lest you be touched by the Fire, and you would not have other than Allah any protectors; then you would not be helped.” (Hood 11:113)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِبَاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَوَتْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَجْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّجِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so
that they will live according to
that which pleases You. Protect
the poor and needy from
disbelief and everlasting poverty.

Allaahumma ameen



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