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# **THE RULER: The Head Of Religious Affairs Of The State**



Let us strive to increase our  
*imaaan* and *taqwa* of Allah  
Subhaanahu Wata'aala by  
fulfilling all of His  
Commands and avoiding  
all of His prohibitions.

**Having the *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* is the  
ultimate key in attaining  
success in this world and  
the Hereafter.**

**In conjunction with the 70<sup>th</sup>  
birthday of His Royal**

**Highness the Sultan of  
Selangor, the khutbah  
today is entitled**

***“The Ruler: The Head  
Of Religious Affairs Of  
The State”***

**Indeed, the monarchy plays  
a vital role in our homeland.**

**According to history, since  
the arrival of Islam in the  
Nusantara (Malay  
Archipelago), the role  
undertaken by the sultan**

**became tremendously significant. His Royal Highness not only acts as the protector of the people but also plays a role in the spread of Islam to various provinces throughout the**

# **Nusantara!**

Indeed, the greatness of the sultans or rulers from the early Islamic kingdom was truly impressive. There were sultans in the Nusantara that possessed greatness in terms

of *taqwa* of Allah and provincial governing skills. The wisdom of the *du'aat* (callers to Islam) had enabled *imaan* to penetrate into the soul of the rulers.

**How were the *du'aat* able to  
get the rulers and citizens to  
embrace Islam back then?**

**Among their methods were:**

**1. To initiate their *da'wah* to  
the rulers directly as it was  
done by Mawlanā ‘Abdul**

**'Azeez to Parameswara.**

**2. Then, giving da'wah to the  
princes and members of the  
royal family such as the  
conversion of Pangeran  
Cakrabuana, the son (prince)  
of Raja Pajajaran who was**

**a**

# Hindu.

**3. Further, the du'aat themselves established new Islamic government, such as Sultan Syariful Hashim establishing the Sulu government.**

**4. The wisdom of “wali songo” scholars in their success of conveying *da’wah* to the rulers in their respective states.**

**After the conversion of the rulers, the masses would**

**then follow suit in  
embracing Islam. It has  
become the norm of the  
society of that time to have  
full-undivided loyalty to  
their rulers. With that, it  
was easy for the masses to**

embrace Islam one their ruler accepts Islam.

Then, the title of the ruler (king) gets changed to “sultan”. The Muslim scholars were then appointed by the sultan as his advisors,

**and they were always close  
with the sultan. In result, it  
gave rise to a generation of  
sultans having great  
personalities and  
righteousness in ruling their  
kingdom according to the**

*Sharee'ah.*

**Looking back into history,  
the Muslim *ummah* takes  
great pride in the history  
of its righteous leaders. If  
we are to ask the Syrians  
regarding Sultan**

**Nooruddeen az-Zinki,  
definitely they will recognize  
him and know the history of  
that that prominent sultan.  
Similar with the history of  
Sultan Salaahuddeen al-  
Ayyoobi for the Egyptians,**

**Sultan Muhammad al-Fateh  
for the Turks, so on and so  
forth, where Muslim  
societies in other nations  
would preserve the history  
of their righteous rulers.**

**Many of us do not realize  
that there**

were righteous sultans in the provinces of the Nusantara.

A book titled “*Righteous Sultans In The Nusantara*”

authored by Hasanuddin

Yusof listed 24 righteous

sultans that had once ruled

**Islamic governments in the Nusantara. They had rendered invaluable service to the society. Some of them were actually catalysts in the spread of *da'wah* work. Some of them became pillars**

of strength in fighting off  
the efforts and wicked ploy  
of Western colonialists. It  
was due to their noble  
efforts and service that the  
*‘aqeedah of the Muslims in*  
*the Nusantara was able to*  
*be*

**preserved until today, even  
though this region was  
colonized for more than  
500 years. For that, they  
will be greatly rewarded as  
promised by Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala, as***

**mentioned in al-Qur'an:**

**“Whoever does  
righteousness, whether  
male or female, while he is  
a believer - We will surely  
cause him to live a good  
life, and We will surely give**

**them their reward [in  
the Hereafter]  
according to the best  
of what they used to  
do”**

**(an-Nahl 16:97)**

**According to historical facts,  
among the eminent sultan  
in the state of Selangor is  
Sultan Sulayman Shah, who  
was the fifth Sultan of  
Selangor. He was a pious  
sultan and truly loved the**

**scholars. He would always seek the view and advice from the scholars in every matters pertaining to state administration and efforts in spreading Islam.**

His love for the scholars  
signified his love for Nabi  
Muhammad ﷺ for the  
scholars are the inheritors of  
the prophets. As it was  
narrated by Abu ad-Dardaa'  
*radiyAllaahu'anhu* that

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“...The learned are the heirs of the Prophets who bequeath neither dinar nor dirham but only that of knowledge; and he who acquires it, has in fact

**acquired an abundant portion”**

*(Abu Dawood: saheeh)*

**Sultan Sulayman Shah had great concerns about the development of Islam in**

**Selangor. He had actually built two mosques, namely one in Jugra that was named Masjid Sultan Alaeddin and another one in Klang named Masjid Sultan Sulayman, in providing ease and comfort**

for the Muslims to perform their prayers. Sultan Sulayman Shah also would frequently deliver the Friday *khutbah*, the ‘Eidulfitr and ‘Eiduladha khutbah at various mosques in Selangor

**especially at Sultan  
Alaeddin Royal Mosque.  
Due to his deep interest  
in Islamic sciences, he  
even wrote a few Islamic  
books himself.**

In strengthening the creed of  
**Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah,**  
he authored his famous  
works, among them "*Pohon*  
*Agama Bahagian Rukun*  
*Iman*" (The Tree Of  
Religion, The Chapter On

The Articles Of Faith) and  
a book on tawheed titled  
*“Melatih Kanak-Kanak  
Lelaki Dan Perempuan  
Agama Islam”* (Training  
The Boys And Girls About  
Islam).

**This book was once used as  
a textbook in the Islamic  
schools in Selangor. Sultan  
Sulayman Shah had also  
produced several religious  
poetry that are interesting,  
providing both guidelines**

**and lessons for his subjects. His writings proved that he was a sultan who had mastered a high level of religious knowledge. He had passed away on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 1938 at the age of 72,**

after ruling the state for 40 years. The demise of this “people-oriented” (*berjiwa rakyat*) sultan was mourned by all walks of life of that time.

**Verily, the contributions of  
the Malay Rulers to the  
religion, people, and nation  
are truly impressive to the  
citizens. They would deem  
that the rank that they held  
is not for boasting and  
pride,**

**but instead it is a great  
amaanah and responsibility  
with daunting challenges.  
The higher the leadership  
they assume, the greater  
the responsibility to be  
shouldered.**

**Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala**  
**calls upon the Muslims to**  
**obey their ruler for the**  
**rulers would bear a very**  
**heavy burden in ensuring**  
**the well being of the**  
**society and nation.**

**Especially in protecting the  
holiness of the Islam.**

**Therefore, we as citizens  
should obey the sultans, be  
truly appreciative of their  
contributions and having  
affection for their sacrifices,**

as Allah Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala mentions in al-  
Qur'an:

**“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.”**

**(an-Nisaa' 4:59)**

**As citizens that cling upon  
the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah*  
*wal-Jamaa'ah*, we should  
obey all of the sultan's  
commands for as long as  
they are good and not  
contradicting the *Sharee'ah*.**

**Alhamdulillaah, today we are  
truly grateful to Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* for our  
ruler, His Royal Highness  
Sultan Idris Shah ibni al-  
Marhum Sultan  
Salaahuddeen 'Abdul 'Azeez**

**Shah al-Haj, the Sultan of Selangor Darul Ehsan, is a ruler that is people-oriented (*berjiwa rakyat*). His Royal Highness is always concerned with the development and well being**

**of the masses. He is never tired of asking the masses to unite, always avoiding conflicts, discord, and slander, so that the state of Selangor will be at peace and tranquil. In addition, His**

**Royal Highness would  
always address the  
masses to reject all forms  
of deviant teachings and  
sects that truly contradict  
the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah*  
*wal-Jamaa'ah.***

**Under his auspice as the head of religion, the symbols of Islam have increasingly shined, and the public awareness on the importance of religious knowledge has tremendously enhanced.**

**For example, zakaat collection has been increasing from year to year. Similarly with the public awareness in making waqf (endowment) including in the form of cash, has been**

**well received by the masses.  
Mosques and suraus have  
been beautifully constructed  
and Islamic schools have  
received encouraging  
responses whether at the  
primary or secondary level.**

**Therefore, we should positively welcome every recommendation made by His Royal Highness who would always call for the strengthening of brotherhood, enhancing the**

**unity, and avoiding divisions. Furthermore, mosques are to be made as a place of worship, not as a platform in causing problems or discord among Muslims.**

The existing cordial relationship between the monarchy and the citizens must be preserved and defended from any challenges and *fitnah* so that the symbols of Islam will

**continue to flourish, the  
dignity of the Muslims  
safeguarded, protected,  
and the state will  
remain peaceful and  
prosperous.**

In concluding this *khutbah*,  
let us increase our  
righteous deeds towards  
that which is pleasing to  
**Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala**  
by emphasizing on these  
matters:

**1. We should always obey the commands of Allah and His Messenger. Next, we should always obey the rulers and just leaders in fulfilling the responsibility with full amaanah.**

**2. We should always remain grateful for the countless bounties from Allah that we are enjoying now, by increasing our *taqwa* and righteous deeds.**

**3. The Muslims must strive  
to inculcate positive  
thoughts upon others and  
rid off any prejudice and  
slander.**

**4. Everyone in this state  
should remain united in  
defending the monarch's**

**status as the head of  
religious affairs, so that by  
the Will of Allah, Islam  
will be upheld and the  
dignity of the Muslims will  
always be safeguarded  
and protected.**

**“Say, “O Allah, Owner of  
Sovereignty, You give  
sovereignty to whom You  
will and You take  
sovereignty away from  
whom You will. You honor  
whom You will and You**

**humble whom You will. In  
Your hand is [all] good.  
Indeed, You are over all  
things competent””**

**(Aal-'Imraan 3:26)**

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ  
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ  
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ  
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ  
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its**

**consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim**

**ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy**

**for the entire nation and  
universe.**

**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  
Selangor, as an**

**advanced state, prosperous,  
and providing welfare.**

**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, so that  
our nation will become more  
peaceful and filled with  
blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely  
beseech you, strengthen our  
beliefs according to the creed  
of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-*  
*Jamaa'ah*, and protect us  
from deeds and '*aqeedah*  
that are astray such as the  
extreme *Shee'is*, *Qadiyani*,  
and other ideologies.**

○ Allah, open up our hearts  
in fulfilling the five daily  
prayers, performing *zakaat*,  
and other obligations. Bless  
those that have fulfilled their  
*zakaat* and loving the  
*fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and  
those that have

made *waqf* and gave up  
their wealth for *Tabung*

*Amanah Pembangunan Islam*

*Selangor* (Islamic

Development Trust Fund of  
*Selangor*) with continuous  
reward until the Hereafter.

**O Allah, increase and widen  
the *rizq* of those that made  
*waqf* from their wealth with  
perpetual rewards until the  
Last Day.**



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

*DISEDIAKAN OLEH :*

**UNIT KHUTBAH,**

**BAHAGIAN PENGURUSAN MASJID,**

**JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR**