



جَابَطَانِيَّةُ إِسْلَامِ سِلنَجُور  
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

**RAMADAAN IS**  
**MONTH-LONG,**  
**‘EIDULFITR IS ONE**  
**DAY, ‘IBAADAH**  
**REMAINS EVERY DAY**



I remind myself first and all of us to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by having determination to maintain our *taqwa* during *Ramadaan* into all the other months.

Verily, *Ramadaan* is the training ground in attaining higher level of *taqwa* that is to be internalized and maintained in other months throughout the year.

On this blessed day, let us  
contemplate and ponder upon  
the *khutbah* titled: “*Ramadaan  
Is Month-Long, ‘Eidulfitr Is  
One Day, ‘Ibaadah Remains  
Every Day.*”

Yesterday, we had celebrated the end of a long spiritual course. That course and training was not organized by any organization or association, but well designed by Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*

Himself, The One that created  
us, All-Knowing of our needs.

Let us ponder upon this  
*hadeeth*. Narrated Abu  
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*  
that Rasulullah

*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*  
said:

“ ...And may a man upon whom *Ramadaan* enters and then passes and his sins are not forgiven, be humiliated...”  
(at-Tirmidhi)

We are familiar with the expression within our society: “*Puasa Sebulan, Raya Pun Sebulan*” (Fasting is for a month, ‘Eid celebration is also for a month). Unfortunately, this

saying that is normally uttered in a joking manner has now become the norm within our society. Even though we know that the ‘*ibaadah* of fasting is legislated for an entire

month (29 or 30 days), we fail to comprehend the fact that ‘Eidulfitr is legislated for only one day. When we look to our brethren in the Middle East, we observe that they would actually celebrate

and enliven their *Ramadaan* as compared to *Shawwaal*. Where ‘*Eidulfitr* is only celebrated with *takbeer* in the night (eve) of ‘*Eid* and the morning of ‘*Eid*. After the *salaah* and *khutbah* of

*'Eidulfitr*, life returns to normal  
just like any other days prior to  
*Ramadaan.*

We may perceive that such scenario is not a “suitable” phenomenon with our society and culture,

but it is best that we observe  
and weigh several matters so  
that we can balance between the  
*tarbiyyah* (education) of  
*Ramadaan* with the joy of  
celebrating '*Eidulfitr*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
has commanded fasting during  
the days of *Ramadaan*. And  
during its nights, it is highly  
recommended to be revived  
with '*ibaadah*,

especially with *salaatul fard* in *jama'ah*, *taraweeh*, and always engaging in *tilaawah* of al-Qur'an. For the '*Eid*', it is from the *sunnah* for us to make *takbeer* that is concluded with the *salaah*

and *khutbah* of ‘Eid. After that, we are not required to make *takbeer* for the rest of the (‘Eid) day or days after. This is opposite with ‘Eiduladha in which it is from the *sunnah* to make

*takbeer* for longer duration until the days of *Tashreeq*, after the *fard* or *sunnah salawaat*. All these show that festivities and celebrations throughout the entire month of *Shawwaal*

in general are not based upon Islamic teachings. On the contrary, it is only the custom and culture of our society. It is not something necessitated as ‘ibaadah that is specific, though it can be

deemed as within general  
*'ibaadah*. This is because  
commendable acts such as  
visiting each other and feeding  
the guests are from among the  
*sunnah* acts that can be done at  
any time

during the year. However, the yearly celebration in *Shawwaal* usually becomes the contributing factor for us to fail in maintaining and preserving our stellar devotion and worship during

*Ramadaan*. Just look at how the *suraus* and *masaajid* becomes empty after *Ramadaan*. Just observe, how many of us would actually “complete” their six days fasting of *Shawwaal*?

In *Shawwaal*, we must continue to monitor our affairs and relations so that we will continue to be close with Allah.

And not getting further away from Allah by indulging in

prohibited matters such as excessive entertainment, unrestricted free mixing between genders, eating and drinking from *haraam* sources, having a good time celebrating that the

*salaah* is neglected,  
or watching TV shows depicting  
un-Islamic behaviors or causing  
negligence in ‘ibaadah.

Today, I would like to remind all of us of the necessary measures to be taken in the month of *Shawwaal*, among them:

1- Fasting the six days of *Shawwaal*,

where its virtues are mentioned  
in the *hadeeth* Abu Ayoob al-  
Ansaari *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*,  
where Rasulullah *sallAllaahu  
‘alayhi wasallam* stated:

“Whoever fasts *Ramadaan* and follows it with six days of *Shawwaal*, it will be as if he fasted for a lifetime.”

(Muslim, Ahmad, Abu Dawood, at-Tirmidhi, an-Nasaa’i, ibn Maajah)

This fasting can be done in consecutive days or separately (randomly), for as long as they are done in *Shawwaal*.

However, the best and preferred method is consecutively after

*‘Eidulfitr*, that is beginning from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of *Shawwaal* until the 7<sup>th</sup>. This is preferred for it illustrates the manner and attitude of the slave that is eager and hastens in engaging in *‘ibaadah*.

Moreover, ‘*Eidulfitr* is only legislated for the 1<sup>st</sup> of *Shawwaal*, the day in which the Muslims are prohibited from fasting. This six days fasting of *Shawwaal* can be combined with the *qadaa’*’

(missed or make up) or *nazhr* (vow) fasting. Hence, whoever has any debt of *Ramadaan* fasting, especially the Muslimahs, they can perform their *qadaa'* fasting in *Shawwaal*.

This is so that they will reap the reward of the six days fasting of *Shawwaal* as well. Let us not delay in performing this *sunnah* fasting for we may miss out on this golden opportunity

that only comes once a year.

However, the best method is to complete all the missed or make up fasting first for the amount of days owed, and only then one begins the six days fasting of

*Shawwaal*

(separately). This is based on the *hadeeth* where Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* explained the virtue of fasting six days of *Shawwaal*, narrated by Thawbaan *radiyAllaahu*

‘anh:

“Fasting *Ramadaan* is like  
fasting ten months, and  
fasting six days is like fasting  
two months. [Together] it is  
fasting an entire year.”

(Ahmad, an-Nasaa’ie, ibn Hibbaan, ibn Khuzaymah)

This is also based upon other *ahaadeeth* stating that every good deed will be rewarded with 10 rewards. Therefore, the fasting the month of *Ramadaan* is equivalent to 10 months and the six days

of *Shawwaal* would be equivalent to 60 days or two months. In various narrations, Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* stated:

“... And the reward of  
good deeds is multiplied  
ten times...”

(al-Bukhaari)

2- We must continue to obligate ourselves to pray the *fard salaah* in *jamaa'ah* whether in the masjid or *suraau* for praying in congregation has much greater reward than

praying alone. We have proven our capability to pray in *jamaa'ah* during *Ramadaan*, especially in the nights. We prayed '*Ishaa'*, *taraweeh*, and *witr* all in congregation.

On average, we had prayed 15 or 27 *raka‘ah* in *jamaa‘ah* in the night. So, maintain such trend with at least three *raka‘ah* of *Maghrib* and four

*raka'ah* of '*Ishaa'* in *jamaa'ah* in the night, and also with the three other *fard salawaat*.

3- We should continue to perform the night ‘ibaadah with at least two *raka‘ah* of *tahajjud* or one *raka‘ah* of *witr* prayer. Did we not prove ourselves in *Ramadaan* that we are able

to wake up early everyday for *suhoor*? Then, it is only right for us to continue to strive and have *istiqaamah* in performing *qiyaam al-layl* around the time of *suhoor* for it is an ideal period to

seek forgiveness from Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*  
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“And in the hours before  
dawn they would ask  
forgiveness.”

(adh-Dhaariyaat 51:18)

4- We shall inculcate the *tilaaawah* and study of al-Qur'an as part of our daily affairs. At least, we must read a page a day. Hopefully the meaning of the verses recited and the teachings

from al-Qur'an will provide guidance in our daily lives.

5- We must avoid from excessiveness in fun and amusement. The end of *Ramadaan* does not mark the end of our tireless efforts in

*'ibaadah*. Similarly, the arrival of *Shawwaal* does not mean that we are now liberated from restrictions. On the contrary, *Ramadaan* provides the fertile ground for us to accustom ourselves

with ‘ibaadah and controlling  
our desires.

6- We must avoid ourselves  
from excessive eating or  
feeding. It is sufficient with  
adequate

food that will maintain a healthy body and enough nourishment for us to continue performing ‘ibaadah to Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.

Allah has reminded us to consume food and drink, but not excessively that we become satiated or wasteful with excessive food. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur‘an:

“... and eat and drink, but  
be not excessive. Indeed,  
He likes not those who  
commit excess.”

(al-A‘raaf 7:31)

What is important is for us to be resolved and determined in celebrating ‘*Eidulfitr* by attaining nearness to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* with various ‘*ibaadah* including the six days fasting of

*Shawwaal*. Do not fall behind  
and lose out in the race to seize  
the bountiful reward offered by  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*.

Let us remain committed in  
making this *Ramadaan* and

*Shawwaal* better than the previous ones. Let us not get carried away and drowned in the fun and amusement of the ‘*Eid* fever for an entire

month that we lose out in garnering boons for the *aakhirah* as our provision and preparation after our demise. If not this time around, then when will we ever begin???

“O you who have believed, do not follow the footsteps of Satan. And whoever follows the footsteps of Satan – indeed, he enjoins immorality and wrongdoing. And if not for

the favor of Allah upon you  
and His mercy, not one of you  
would have been pure, ever,  
but Allah purifies whom He  
wills, and Allah is Hearing  
and Knowing.”

(an-Noor 24:21)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ 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

**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. *Allaahummaa  
ameen***



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