



جَابَاتَانِ اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْجُور
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

ZAKAAH

INTERNALIZED,

POVERTY

REDUCED



I implore all of us to place *taqwa* as our utmost agenda in our lives while living on Allah's earth. With true *taqwa*, Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*

promises us the true success in
this world and the Hereafter.

The topic of today's *khutbah* is:
***“Zakaah Internalized, Poverty
Reduced.”***

Among the characteristics of individuals having *taqwa* is the loyalty and will to perform all orders and commands from Allah without questioning even if it requires giving up life and

wealth, solely for the sake of attaining the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. Hence, Allah will recompense the lives and wealth surrendered with priceless gifts, which are His

Pleasure and the bounties of
Jannah. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’an:

“O you who have believed,
shall I guide you to a
transaction that

will save you from a painful punishment? [It is that] you believe in Allah and His Messenger and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth

**and your lives. That is best for
you, if you should know.”**

(as-Saff 61:10-11)

The ‘ibaadah of zakaah truly symbolizes the perfection of Islam. Islam is not merely a religion that solely emphasize on specific ‘ibaadah only, but instead it embodies and entails the

rules of life that safeguards justice and welfare of humanity.

It is not restricted to the Muslims only but rather Islam's love and care encompass every creation that exists on Allah's earth.

Among the evidence of justice in Islam is the requirement to fulfill *zakaah* where the wealthy ones would fulfill their very obligations toward the poor, needy, and the *asnafs*

(recipients) whom are qualified *zakaah* recipients. Indeed, the distribution and disbursement of the collected *zakaah* significantly contributes to the improvement of the social

standards, economy, education, spirituality, and the identity of the Muslim *ummah*. In the glorious history of Islam, during the reign of Caliph ‘Umar bin ‘Abdul ‘Azeez, which is

based in the city of Dimashq,
they were successful in
demonstrating the beauty of
Islam in the increase of *zakaah*
collection. History has
witnessed and recorded the
outstanding *zakaah*

distribution practiced during that time, which was successful in eradicating poverty such that there were no more poor person living in the city of Dimashq and even further beyond in the

nations in Africa.

Various strategies and actions must be taken to ensure that the *zakaah* collected will be thoroughly benefited in the best manner possible by the *asnafs*

(recipients). Truly, the work of *zakaah* distribution in Selangor has continually improved throughout the years. Since 1995 until now, Lembaga Zakat Selangor (Selangor Zakaah Board) has

disbursed *zakaah* to the eight categories of qualified recipients in various forms of aid and assistance. Such efforts were successful in aiding the recipients to improve their living

standards to better situations.

Despite the fine efforts in *zakaah* distribution, in reality it is not the ultimate success for the greatest challenge is to ensure that the *zakaah* disbursement will

have maximum impact in the fight against poverty in this state, hence improving the economic status of the *asnafs*.

All parties must assume and carry out their roles in increasing the economic capability and living standards of the Muslims in this state. In addition to the role of the *zakaah* institution

in improving the standard of living of the Muslim *ummah*, it calls for the government, the private sector, NGOs, *da‘wah* and welfare institutions to work hand in hand in realizing this noble

effort. Empowering the personality and identity of the *zakaah* recipients should be nurtured and enhanced from time to time, in raising individuals that are firm and motivated to constantly strive

to improve their standards of living unto becoming better.

Being independent and proactive without relying solely on *zakaah* aid is greatly demanded in Islam, as mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“...Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves...”

(ar-Ra‘d 13:11)

Prof Dr Yusof al-Qaradawi
hafizhahullah has mentioned in
his book titled “How Islam
Solves Poverty,” stating:
“*The function of zakaah is not
like the tranquilizer*

*injection that reduces the pain
for a few seconds only, but
instead it is like the medical
cure that eradicates the illness
down to grassroots level.”*

Indeed, the noble effort of eradicating poverty down to its grassroots level is no easy task.

It cannot be resolved individually, but instead requires a united and galvanized effort. With

a centralization of zakaah funds to the ‘aamil institution (zakaah collector), various aids and benefits can be channeled comprehensively to eligible recipients.

Aids and assistance such as business capital, educational assistance, university scholarship, school equipment, mosque institutional development, schools, medical treatment,

living allowance, and many more, can be disbursed fully and continually. The total amount of disbursement in 2012 for various allocations are as follows: **RM138 million** for the poor and

needy, RM140.4 million for *fee sabeeillaah* (for the cause of Allah), RM33.7 million for the *ghaarimeen* (those in debt), RM23.8 million for the *mu'allaf* (converts),

RM6.9 million for the *riqaab* (freeing captives), **RM1.8 million** for *ibn sabeel* (traveler), and **RM56.4 million** for the *'aamileen* (those employed to collect zakaah).

Based on the records of *zakaah* payers at Lembaga Zakat Selangor (Selangor Zakaah Board) for 2012, a total of 210,307 individuals have fulfilled their *zakaah* obligation with a collected

amount of RM451.3 million, an increase from the 2011 collection of RM394.1 million with 180,617 individuals. Therefore, let us fulfill our ‘ibaadah of zakaah through

the various facilities such as the
24 *zakaah* counters in all
districts, online payment, salary
deduction, authorized banks,
post office, and others, for the
sake of fulfilling the *fard*

(obligation) decreed by Allah
and helping to improve the
economic status of the Muslims
in this nation.

As the *khateeb*, I would like to
remind everyone regarding
these matters:

1- Ensure all the wealth that we
possess such as our income,
savings, stocks, shares, gold,
silver,

agricultural produce, livestock,
and others, have all been
accounted for in fulfilling our
zakaah obligation.

2- Remain *istiqaamah* in obeying all the commands of Allah including the ‘ibaadah of zakaah. Let us fulfill our zakaah obligation through recognized ‘aamil institutions such as

Lembaga Zakat Selangor
(Selangor Zakaah Board), in accordance with the objectives and vision of the state administration so that Selangor will become a state of prosperity and welfare.

3- Let us give our full trust and confidence by fulfilling our *zakaah* obligation with the ‘*aamil* institution so as to ensure our *zakaah* money will be

efficiently administered and
channeled to deserving *asnafs*,
so that the objectives will be
attained effectively.

4- Let us fulfill our *zakaah* obligation through various facilities available such as the *24 zakaah*

counters throughout the state,
online payment, salary
deduction, authorized banks,
post office, and others.

Take heed for everything in this world will perish. Only our good deeds and bad deeds (sins) will remain as our provision in the Hereafter.

Hence, let us strive to attain the
Pleasure of our *Ilaah* by
increasing our good deeds in
this temporary world.

**“As for he who gives and fears
Allah, And believes in the best
[reward], We will ease him
toward ease.”**

(al-Layl 92:5-7)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَأَيَّاً كُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ
فَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are All-Powerful, we
are truly grateful unto You for
bestowing upon us *rahmah* and
ni'mah, that we are able to
continue the efforts in**

**strengthening the Muslim nation
especially the state of Selangor,
as an advanced state,
prosperous, and providing
welfare services.**

**Hence, we beseech You, O Allah,
strengthen our *imaan*, accept our
good deeds, solidify our unity,
increase our sustenance, enrich
us with beneficial knowledge,**

**fill our hearts with noble
characters, guide us to the path
that is pleasing to You, protect us
from all types of calamities and
Your severe tribulations so that
our state will continue to prosper
and remain blessed.**

O Allah, open up our hearts to complete the five daily *salawaat* and ‘*ibaadah* of *zakaat* as You have ordained. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat*

**obligation, loving the poor and
needy. Purify their wealth and
hearts, protect the *fuqaraa'* and
masaakeen from *kufr* and
continuous poverty.**

O Allah, increase and expand the sustenance of those who made *waqf* from of their wealth, accept their *waqf* with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.



DI SEDIAKAN OLEH :

BAHAGIAN KHUTBAH,

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ILLUSTRASI OLEH :

UNIT TEKNOLOGI MAKLUMAT,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR