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## ZAKAT (Obligatory Charity Tax) BRINGS BLESSINGS

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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ

أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ

وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.



## Dear brothers and sisters

In conjunction with this year's Ramadan, let us carry out all of Allah the Almighty's commands and orders by increasing compulsory and voluntary acts of worship. Among the commandments of Allah the Almighty that we must obey is performing zakat; which is zakat harta and zakat fitrah (a type of mandatory zakat that Muslims must issue during Ramadan until approaching Eid al-Fitr). Every Muslim who has met the conditions of the obligation to pay zakat, must pay zakat without delaying or neglecting it. The obligation to pay zakat is like the obligation to perform prayer i.e. it is required to be paid at the beginning of the time, i.e. when there is enough haul for 1 hijri year. In fact, this demand has been repeated 32 times in the Quran and is synonymous with the demand for prayer. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 98 (surah al Baiyyinah) verse 5:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقِيَمَةِ ﴿٥﴾

**Which means:** *“even though they were only commanded to worship Allah alone with sincere devotion to Him in all uprightness, establish prayer, and pay alms-tax. That is the upright Way.”*

## Dear brothers and sisters

The Zakat that we pay through the Zakat Collection Center of Pahang Council of Islamic Religion and Malay Customs has benefited the development



of Islamic teachings and the welfare of Muslims who belong to the group of zakat recipients. In 2023, the Pahang Council of Islamic Religion and Malay Customs had distributed zakat of RM219 million to 129 thousand recipients. This includes assistance for the poor and needy amounting to RM95 million to 70 thousand recipients.

The remaining amount was given to *asnaf fisabilillah* such as students, allowance payments for mosque officials and Ihya Ramadan aid. In fact, many more zakat disbursement have been implemented by the Pahang Islamic Religious Council for the purpose of other zakat recipients. Therefore, the more zakat is collected, the more will it benefit the asnaf (beneficiaries) group. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 9 (surah at Taubah) verse 60:

إِنَّمَا الصَّدَقَتُ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْعَمَلِينَ عَلَيْهَا وَالْمُؤَلَّفَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَفِي  
الرِّقَابِ وَالْغَرَمِينَ وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأَبْنِ السَّبِيلِ فَرِيضَةً مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ  
حَكِيمٌ

**Which means:** “Alms-tax is only for the poor and the needy, for those employed to administer it, for those whose hearts are attracted to the faith, for freeing slaves, for those in debt, for Allah’s cause, and for needy travellers. This is an obligation from Allah. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.”

**Dear brothers and sisters**

Paying zakat is a sign of the perfection of faith and Islam, while refusing to pay zakat is a great sin. Even Saiyyidina Abu Bakar r.a sent troops to fight



against groups that refused to pay zakat. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari and Muslim:

فَأَعْلَمْتُهُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ افْتَرَضَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَدَقَةً فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ تُؤْخَذُ مِنْ أَعْيَانِهِمْ وَتُرَدُّ عَلَى فُقَرَائِهِمْ

**Which means:** *“then tell them that Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, has enjoined on them a charity (Zakat) to be taken from their rich and given to their poor.”*

Therefore, we should not take zakat obligation lightly by delaying its payment or feeling at a loss to fulfill it. These are all whispers of the devil and a sign of weakness of faith. Allah the Almighty has warned us of a very painful torment in the afterlife. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 9 (surah at-Taubah) verse 35:

يَوْمَ يُحْمَى عَلَيْهَا فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ فَتُكْوَى بِهَا جِبَاهُهُمْ وَجُنُوبُهُمْ وَظُهُورُهُمْ هَذَا

مَا كَنْزْتُمْ لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْنِزُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

**Which means:** *“The Day will come when their treasure will be heated up in the Fire of Hell, and their foreheads, sides, and backs branded with it. It will be said to them, “This is the treasure you hoarded for yourselves. Now taste what you hoarded!”*



## Dear brothers and sisters

Let us pay the zakat harta that we have be it gold and silver, savings, rice and livestock and also pay our income zakat and zakat fitrah to the Zakat Collection Center of the Pahang Council of Islamic Religion and Malay Customs.

As an institution entrusted by His Majesty the Sultan of Pahang to manage zakat, let us give our moral and material support so that it is able to carry out its functions as best as possible. May the wealth we have be clean of any other person's rights and be blessed; and may it cleanse our hearts from stinginess. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 9 (surah at Taubah) verse 103:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ صَلَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ  
لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

**Which means:** “Take from their wealth O Prophet charity to purify and bless them, and pray for them—surely your prayer is a source of comfort for them. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.”



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.