

# EDUCATING ZAKAT CALCULATION OF GOLD JEWELRY THROUGH THE MALAYSIAN ZAKAT INSTITUTION WEBSITE

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## Abstract

*The duty of zakat for jewelries or gold ornaments has sparked discussion among scholars. Most of the scholars think that it is not mandatory for zakat, but any individuals whose use exceeds the 'uruf rate, then it is mandatory for zakat. The zakat of jewelry has made 'uruf or local customary law as the basis of measurement. The majority of states in Malaysia have applied this opinion and the rate has also been issued according to their respective states. Therefore, the setting of zakat rate for gold jewelry is determined by the state zakat institution with the consent of the mufti in their respective states and is applicable only to the people of that state. The purpose of this study was to look at the websites of state zakat institutions in Malaysia, particularly related to gold jewelry zakat. In order to obtain the data needed in this study, a qualitative method was adopted by analyzing the documents obtained from each website of the zakat institutions in Malaysia. The study found that the highest rate of*

gold jewelry is set by the state of Terengganu at 850 grams. Meanwhile, the least tariff rate is set by the state of Sarawak at 90 grams. However, there are also states that do not set tariffs such as the states of Perlis and Kelantan. This is because the state of Perlis agrees that if the gold jewelry exceeds 85 grams, zakat will be charged while the state of Kelantan will not impose zakat on gold jewelry even if the gold jewelry exceeds 85 grams. Accordingly, the data from the zakat institution websites have clearly provided information on zakat for gold jewelry. The online zakat system has made it easier for Muslims, who have lately been paying attention to how important it is to pay zakat, to calculate the amount of zakat payable, namely, zakat for gold jewelry.

**Keywords:** Zakat, Jewelries, Website, Uruf,

## INTRODUCTION

Zakat is one of the obligations for Muslims to fulfill. It is an act of worship that every Muslim should perform to help the underprivileged Muslims. It is also mandatory for every Muslim who is financially stable to pay zakat to the poor and needy. The concept of zakat applied in Islam is that every property owned by an individual holds the rights of others. Therefore, zakat has to be fulfilled to maintain the justice and equilibrium of wealth among the people. In Islam, zakat is also meant to be fulfilled in order to purify the wealth. It is not a voluntary charity but an obligation. In order to provide convenience to Muslims and at the same time to raise awareness of the importance of giving zakat, the online zakat system has been created. In addition, the online zakat system has made it easier for Muslims to calculate the amount of zakat payable, especially the zakat for gold jewelry[1].

Gold jewelry zakat is divided into two categories: gold savings zakat and gold jewelry zakat. These two types of zakat have a slight difference in terms of setting their rates. The zakat rate for gold savings has been revealed in the hadith of Rasulullah SAW, which is 20 dinars, equivalent to 85 grams of gold. However, the rate for gold jewelry was not mentioned specifically in the setting of the zakat through the Quranic verse or the Prophet's hadith. Therefore, the setting of zakat rates for gold jewelry has been determined through the practice of state zakat institutions and the mufti fatwa of each state and is applicable only to the people of the state. Therefore, this article aims to highlight the findings of the exploration study on the website of zakat institutions in Malaysia related to zakat on gold.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

Gold has been known as something of value over the years. It has become a symbol of luxury and wealth and is able to grow from one value to another. Gold is one of the obligatory properties to be paid zakat. The Qur'an and hadith have mentioned clearly about the obligation to pay zakat on gold.

*O you who have believed, indeed many of the scholars and the monks devour the wealth of people unjustly and avert [them] from the way of Allah. And those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah – give them tidings of a painful punishment. surah At Taubah 34 (QS 9: 34)*

[2]in commenting on the above verse, stated that Allah SWT does not promise punishment on those who do not pay the zakat unless zakat has been obligatory. Next, in a hadith, the Prophet SWT has said:

*"Whoever owns gold and silver and does not pay his zakat, on the Day of Resurrection he will be provided with a sheet of fire heated by hell, with that fire will be spread on his ribs and back".*

According to [3], the above hadith clearly shows the law of obligatory zakat on gold and silver without debate among the scholars of fiqh. [2], asserted that the obligation of zakat on gold has been accepted by the scholars of fiqh.

### **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

In order to obtain the data needed in this study, a qualitative method was adopted by analyzing the documents obtained from each website of the zakat institutions in Malaysia. Through the analysis of the documents carried out, the source of data on the application of the gold jewelry zakat calculator was obtained. Document analysis has become easy for information searchers through the use of a web search engine like Google.com to find the information they need in a short time. In order to get information on the zakat management system, the researcher typed in the keyword zakat gold and then the website related to that keyword were listed and these also included the zakat rate for gold according to the states of Malaysia. This study explored 14 websites of zakat institutions in each state in Malaysia consisting of the states of Perlis, Kedah, Penang, Perak, Selangor, Federal Territory, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka, Johor, Pahang, Terengganu, Kelantan, Sabah and Sarawak. This study was analyzed descriptively related to zakat on gold information consisting of zakat of jewelry or zakat of savings displayed on the website of zakat institutions in each state in Malaysia.

### **RESEARCH FINDINGS**

Overall, the study found that zakat gold uses two methods of calculating the amount of zakat payable. The method can be distinguished by taking into account the value of 'uruf or without [4]. Both of these methods clearly indicate that each state in Malaysia adopts a calculation method agreed by the respective Islamic Religious Council. However, the similarities in the process of determining the amount of gold zakat payable can be found in the standard gold rate applicable to each state of 85 grams. In addition, the zakat rate charged is 2.5% of the value of the gold. This similarity exists because these matters have been clearly stated in the hadith of Rasulullah SAW.

Apart from these similarities, the process of calculating the amount of gold zakat is different in each state when each one uses different rates [5]. The difference in rates is due to the fact that each state has different gold usage habits. Therefore, it is not surprising that there are states that set high or low rates of gold zakat. The study found that among the highest rates of gold zakat was set by the state of Terengganu at 850 grams. Meanwhile, the lowest rate was set by the state of Sarawak at 90 grams. However, there are also states that do not set tariffs such as the states of Perlis and Kelantan. The state of Perlis agrees that if the gold jewelry exceeds 85 grams, zakat will be charged while the state of Kelantan does not impose zakat on gold jewelry even if the gold jewelry has exceeded 85 grams.

### **THE CALCULATION OF ZAKAT ON GOLD JEWELRY**

The calculation of zakat on gold jewelry in the states in Malaysia is not uniform. According to observations [6], there are two methods of zakat calculation used, namely:

**METHOD 1:**

The total value of gold in excess of *nisab*  $\times 2.5\%$  = the amount subject to zakat. Example: For a woman who wears gold jewelry weighs 900 grams in Selangor, the way to calculate the zakat is as follows: Weight of gold  $\times$  price of gold 1 gram = value of gold owned  $\times 2.5\%$  = amount subject to zakat. So, 900 grams  $\times$  RM131.18 = RM118062.00  $\times 2.5\%$  = RM2951.55.

The study found that this calculation method applies in states that have high *nisab* value such as Perak, Selangor and Penang.

**METHOD 2:**

Zakat is imposed only on the excess '*uruf*'. For example: If a woman wears gold jewelry as much as 300 grams gold then the method of calculation is: 300 grams (weight of gold used) - 200 grams ('*uruf*') = 100 grams (weight of gold that exceeds '*uruf*') Weight of gold in excess of '*uruf*'  $\times$  current gold price /gm  $\times 2.5\%$  = amount of obligatory zakat paid. So, 100 g  $\times$  RM131.18  $\times 2.5\%$  = RM 327.95.

The study found that this method is applied to states with low *nisab* values such as states of Kedah, Perlis, Sabah, Sarawak, Melaka, Johor, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang and Terengganu.

**GOLD ZAKAT IN KEDAH****a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 2)**

Zakat for jewelry in Kedah will only be charged if it exceeds the prescribed rate of 170 grams. The value to be considered is the weight of gold excluding gemstones. The method used to calculate the amount of zakat charged is to get the weight of gold only and then deduct 170 grams. The balance weight will be multiplied by the current price of 1gram of gold (in Kedah) of RM 185.50. The amount of zakat that will be charged is after the gold value is multiplied by 2.5%<sup>[7]</sup>.

**b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 1)**

Zakat for stored gold or gold savings, not used for one year, will only be charged if the gold equals or exceeds the rate of 85 grams. The amount of zakat charged will be obtained when the weight of the gold is multiplied by RM 185.50 which is the current value of 1 gram of gold. Only 2.5% will be deducted from the final gold value <sup>[8]</sup>.

**GOLD ZAKAT IN PERAK****a ) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 1)**

The rate set for the state of Perak to require a person to pay a zakat of gold jewelry is when the weight exceeds 500 grams. The calculation is done using the current price of 1 gram of gold (in Perak) of RM 235.50. The amount of zakat payable will be calculated after the value is multiplied by 2.5%.

**b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 1)**

As for gold savings zakat, the state of Perak also uses the same rate of 85 grams to determine when one must pay zakat. The calculation is done first by calculating the value of the gold. To obtain this value, the weight of gold will be multiplied by RM 235.52 (current price of 1 gram of gold). The amount of zakat will be obtained when the value is multiplied by 2.5%.

## **GOLD ZAKAT IN SELANGOR**

### **a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 1)**

In Selangor one will be required to be pay gold zakat if one owns gold jewelry (body jewelry, appliances, or furniture used regularly or otherwise) whose weight exceeds 800 grams. The amount of gold jewelry zakat that is due to be paid is calculated when the weight of the gold is multiplied with the current price of 1 gram of gold and then multiplied by 2.5%.

### **b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 2)**

The amount of zakat that will be charged on gold savings is calculated using the prescribed rate in the hadith of 85 grams. The value of the remaining gold weight that has been deducted from the tariff rate will be multiplied with the current price of 1 gram of gold. The amount will be multiplied by 2.5% to get the amount of zakat payable.

## **GOLD ZAKAT IN WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN**

### **a) Gold jewelry Zakat (METHOD 2)**

The zakat collection center in the Federal Territory has determined that an individual who owns gold jewelry above the rate of 800 grams will be charged a zakat. The amount of gold jewelry zakat is calculated from the deducted value of the gold weights. This value will be multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold in Federal Territory that is RM 164.33. Of these, only 2.5% will be charged.

### **b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 2)**

A person in the Federal Territory will only pay for gold zakat when the amount of gold in her possession exceeds the prescribed rate of 85 grams. The amount of zakat charged is calculated from the value of the gold balance (gold weight minus the prescribed rate or rate of *uruf*) multiplied by the current price of 1 gram (RM 164.33). As set out in the hadith, only 2.5% of the current price for the gold weight will be accounted for [9].

## **Calculation of Gold Zakat**

### **1. Gold Jewelry- worn**

The original law of any form of application is not obligatory zakat. By using gold as jewelry and personal use, the gold is no longer fertile and thriving. However, jewelry is still obligatory for zakat if it is worn too much so that it is excessive and exceeds the normal rate (*'uruf*) worn. What is excessive with customs and habits is forbidden or discouraged by the sharia. [10] Yusuf al-Qaradawi mentioned women's jewelry made other than gold and silver, such as pearls, diamonds and precious stones is exempted from zakat, as it is reserved for personal use and is not considered a growing asset. The Federal Territory has set the *'uruf* rate of gold jewelry at 800 grams. Therefore, any repeated use or once in a year exceeding 800 grams must be paid zakat on it. For example, if the amount of gold jewelry (worn) in a year is 900 grams: = Weight of gold used (if it exceeds the value of *'uruf* Method 1) x Current Gold Price x 2.5% Zakat Rate  
 = 900 grams x RM165.68 (example) x 2.5%  
 = RM3,727.80

## 2. Stored Gold (Not Used)

It is gold that is stored and not used either as jewelry although it looks physically the same as gold jewelry. It includes jewelry that is not worn because it is damaged or old. It also includes jewelry owned by men even though its use is illegal according to Islamic law. If the total weight of gold stored equals or exceeds the *nisab* of 85 grams, and beyond a period of 12 months or a year (enough *haul*), then it is obligatory to pay zakat on it of 2.5 percent (%). This is as the words of the Prophet SAW which means: *There is nothing obligatory on you, that is, on gold until there are 20 dinars (85 grams) and half a dinar is obligatory enough on it. What is more than that, according to the same calculation* (HR Abu Dawud)

Calculation Formula:

The weight of gold stored (if it exceeds the *nisab* value Method 1) x Current Gold Price x 2.5% Zakat Rate

For example, if the amount of gold stored in a year is 200 grams then: =

Weight of Gold x Current Gold Price 1gram x Zakat Rate 2.5%

= 200 grams x RM165.68 (example) x 2.5%

= RM828.40

## GOLD ZAKAT IN NEGERI SEMBILAN

### a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 2)

Gold jewelry owned by a woman will only be charged if the gold value exceeds the prescribed value of 200 grams. The calculation of the amount of zakat set can be calculated by getting the value of the gold jewelry first. The value of the gold weight will be found after deducting 200 grams from it. Further, the value of the gold weights should be multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold of RM 115.20 (in Negeri Sembilan). The calculated value will be multiplied by 2.5% to get the amount of zakat payable.

### b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 1)

If the gold savings are equal to or above the rate of *nisab* of 85 grams, the zakat would be 2.5% of the value of the gold. The calculation is done by multiplying the weight of gold by RM 115.20 which is the current price of 1 gram of gold. The amount of zakat charged is only 2.5% of the result.

## GOLD ZAKAT IN SABAH

Gold and silver are precious gift from God S.W.T. They have many benefits to human beings. The *Shari'ah* likens gold and silver as a living and growing natural wealth. In this case, zakat on gold and silver is divided into two debates, namely on the substance or the *'ain* of gold and silver itself whether worn or stored and the second debate is zakat in the value money because the currency value in this day and age is essentially based on gold [11].

### Zakat of Gold and Silver

Zakat is obligatory on those who have gold and silver when they have reached *nisab* and have had enough for a year [12]. The words of Allah SWT which means:

*"And remember those who hoard gold and silver, and do not spend it in the way of God, then inform them of the recompense or the painful punishment".* (Surah at-Taubah 34)



The words of the Prophet s.a.w which means:

*There is no one who has gold and silver who does not pay his zakat, but on the Day of Resurrection his property will be a few pieces of hellfire. Once heated will be rubbed on the stomach, forehead and back. Each time it is cold it is reheated. One day that is 50 thousand years old until God settles all matters relating to His servants.* - Muslim History-

### **Types of Gold for Which Zakat Is Obligatory - Stored Gold**

Unused gold means gold that is not used or worn even once, in a year. If the value of gold used equals or exceeds 85 grams (*nisab*), then it is obligatory to pay zakat of 2.5%. For example, if the total weight of the unused gold is 90 grams worth RM9500 then the zakat is:  $RM9500 \times 2.5\% = RM237.50$

### **Used Gold**

Gold whether worn (as jewelry) occasionally or continuously within a year is not obligatory to pay zakat on it. However, if it exceeds the '*uruf*' then it is obligatory to pay zakat at the rate of 2.5% on the excess of the value of the specified '*uruf*'. The value taken into account is the current value of gold only and does not include gemstones or the like.

## **GOLD ZAKAT IN SABAH**

### **a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 2)**

In the state of Sabah, the Islamic Religious Council has decreed that one only has to pay zakat when it exceeds the prescribed rate of 152 grams. The calculation is made by obtaining the value of the gold after deducting 152 grams from it. The balance weight of the gold will be multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold in Sabah at RM 170.59. A person will be charged 2.5% of the value of the gold.

### **b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 2)**

As for gold savings zakat, it will only be liable to a person if the gold savings exceeds or equals a gold *nisab* of 85 grams. The value of the gold balance that has been deducted from the gold *nisab* of 85 grams will be multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold; RM 170.59. The amount of zakat paid will be 2.5% of the current value of the gold.

## **GOLD ZAKAT IN PULAU PINANG**

### **a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 2)**

Muslims in Penang will be charged of paying a zakat when the value of the gold exceeds the rate set at 165 grams. The value of the gold balance should be calculated first by subtracting the value of the gold from the set rate. Then the value of the gold weights should be multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold of RM 237.17 (in Pulau Pinang). Of the prices calculated, only 2.5% will be payable.

### **b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 1)**

The gold savings zakat will only apply to Muslims in Penang when the value of the gold savings is equal to or above the rate of 85 grams, as set forth in the hadith of

the Messenger of Allah. The amount of gold savings zakat that is payable is calculated by multiplying the value of the saved gold by the current gold price. After obtaining the current value of gold, only 2.5% of that value will be the amount of zakat required to be paid.

## **GOLD ZAKAT IN TERENGGANU**

### **a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 2)**

According to Majlis Agama Islam and Adat Melayu Terengganu, gold jewelry zakat will only be held liable if the gold jewelry equals or exceeds the value of 850 grams. The amount of zakat to be charged is calculated from the value of the gold weights that are deducted from the value of 'uruf. The value of the deducted weights will be multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold in the state, which is RM 164.39. Of the total current value of the gold, only 2.5% will be charged to the zakat payer. Gold and Silver Zakat is zakat on women's jewelry and jewelry. The zakat paid on gold depends on whether the gold is used or kept which has enough *nisab* and *haul*.

### **a) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 2)**

Unused gold or savings gold will be subject to zakat when the rate of the gold *nisab* is above 85 grams. If a person has gold savings of 200 grams of *nisab*, the amount of gold charged to it is after deducting it from the specified *nisab*. The amount of gold will be multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold of RM 164.39. Out of the total current gold price, the zakat payer will only have to pay 2.5% of that amount that is RM 472.62.

### **Gold Category for which Zakat is obligatory**

#### **i) Gold unused**

Unused gold means gold that is stored, not used or worn even once in a year either in its original form or used as jewelry.

#### **ii) Gold Women's Jewelry**

Gold whether worn (as halal jewelry) occasionally or continuously within a year is not obligatory to pay zakat on it unless, if it exceeds 'uruf (excluding gemstones or the like). 'Uruf is a local usage limit allowed and 'uruf varies by state.

## **GOLD ZAKAT IN PAHANG**

### **a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 1)**

In the state of Pahang, the Islamic Religious Council and its Customs have determined that if a person's gold jewelry exceeds the rate of 500 grams, he is obligated to pay zakat. If a person's gold weight is 700 grams, the current price of the gold is multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold of RM 239.86. Out of the total amount multiplied, only 2.5% will be the amount of zakat payable.

### **b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 1)**

Gold savings zakat will only be imposed on a person who has a gold savings equal to or greater than 85 grams of *nisab*. As set out in the hadith, the zakat rate payable is 2.5% of the current value of gold. If the gold weights kept were at 100 grams,



it should be multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold of RM 239.86. Out of the total amount multiplied, only 2.5% will be the amount of zakat payable.

### **GOLD ZAKAT IN PERLIS (METHOD 1)**

The state of Perlis uses a gold zakat payment system that is quite different from other states. The difference can be seen when the Perlis State Fatwa Committee has reached a consensus that the obligations in performing gold jewelry zakat and gold savings zakat are the same. If a person has gold jewelry or gold savings above the *nisab* of 85 grams, he will have to pay zakat. The amount of zakat payable is 2.5% of the current price of gold (the current price of 1 gram of gold in Perlis is RM 219.64).

#### **Requirement:**

Gold and silver are obligatory to pay zakat when the conditions are sufficient. If the gold and silver are used as jewelry by women and do not exceed 85 grams, then zakat is not imposed on it.

#### **Method of Calculation**

*Nisab* of Gold Zakat: The minimum amount of zakat required is 20 misqal equivalent to 85 grams or 25 mayam 2.7108 saga.

*Nisab* of Silver Zakat: The minimum amount that is obligatory for zakat is 200 dirhams equivalent to 594 grams or 176 mayam 6.9732 saga.

Gold and Silver Zakat Rate: The rate allowed on gold and silver zakat is 2.5% or 1/40 of the total.

### **GOLD ZAKAT IN KELANTAN (METHOD 1)**

For Kelantan, the Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council have agreed that the zakat is obligatory for gold jewelry that is saved or not used only. Unlike in other states of Malaysia, even if the gold jewelry is over 85 grams, zakat will not be charged. This means that there is no provision in the country for gold used as jewelry. However, the gold savings zakat is payable if the gold possessed is above the 85 grams *nisab*. The gold savings weight will be calculated by multiplying it with the current price of 1 gram of gold in Kelantan at RM 261.45, and out of the total gold price, only 2.5% will be the zakat value to be paid.

Gold zakat is imposed when the conditions are met  
 Enough *nisab*  
 Enough *haul* (enough in a year)  
 No debt obligations  
 More than a debt burden

#### **Calculation of Zakat:**

*Nisab* zakat on gold is calculated when the value of gold is enough or more than 20 Dinars (1 Dinar = 4.25g) equivalent (20 Dinars = 85g gold)

The value subject to zakat is 2.5% of the value of 85 grams and above. For example, one has 85 grams of gold and keeps it enough for 1 year and the gold is not tampered with, without any sale and purchase transaction that can reduce the amount.

The amount of zakat that one has to pay is 2.5% of the 85 grams of gold.

Example of calculation:

(2.5% zakat rate x 85g gold)

$(25 \times 85g) / 100 = 2.125g$

In conclusion, if you have 85 grams of gold, then the zakat that needs to be paid is 2.125g or equivalent (1/2 Dinar) as the result of the calculation above.

Simply put,

If there are 20 dinars, then the need to pay zakat is 1/2 dinar, or; if there is 85g of gold, then the need to pay zakat is 2.125g of gold.

\*\* If the value of gold is more than 85 grams, you can still use the calculation method above.

## GOLD ZAKAT IN SARAWAK

The *Shari'ah* likens gold and silver to a living and growing natural wealth. Therefore, the owner is obliged to pay zakat when the conditions are met. The *nisab* rate for gold is 20 misqals equivalent to about 85 grams of gold, while the *nisab* for silver is 200 dirhams which is equivalent to about 595 grams of silver. Women who wear gold (not exceeding '*uruf*' which is 90 grams) and silver as decoration are not subject to zakat because it is categorized as women's jewelry. But if the gold and silver are collected to become wealth, then it is obligatory to pay zakat because it has gone out of its original purpose, which is jewelry adornment to storage item. The rate of zakat is 2.5% of the value of gold and silver. '*Uruf*' for gold zakat in Sarawak was previously set at 775 grams. However, Tabung Baitulmal Sarawak has issued new guidelines on 5 February 2020 which stipulates that the '*uruf*' or the obligatory measure of gold zakat has been changed to 90 grams. This means, if one owns gold weighing more than 90 grams, one is obliged to pay zakat on gold. It doesn't matter whether it is worn or kept as an asset. The gold zakat rate is 2.5% of the gold value.

### a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 2)

The Islamic Religious Council in Sarawak has determined that a gold jewelry zakat will only be charged when one has a gold jewelry that exceeds the rate of 90 grams. The amount of zakat payable is 2.5% of the value of gold after deducting the '*uruf*' rate, based on the current price of 1 gram of gold in Sarawak of RM 197.00.

### b) Gold Savings zakat (METHOD 1)

In calculating the amount of zakat payable by a person who has gold savings, the rate of *nisab* used is 85 grams as mentioned in the hadith. However, the current price of 1 gram of gold in Sarawak (RM 197.00) has made the amount of gold savings zakat to be different from other states. However, the zakat rate charged is still 2.5% of the value of gold.

### How to calculate gold zakat for this latest measure?

One has to pay in excess of a gram of the prescribed measure as zakat. For example, if one owns 100 grams of gold, one has to pay an excess of 10 grams according to the current price of gold then multiplied by 2.5% zakat rate. Let's take a closer look at Peah's example using Method 2.

The value of gold per gram in Baitulmal Sarawak is RM203.50. Supposedly Peah owns gold-based decorative jewelry (rings, bracelets, chains) and the total amount is 100 grams. How much gold zakat does Peah have to pay?

Gold Zakat Calculation:

•  $(100\text{g} - 90\text{g}) = 10\text{ grams}$

So the zakat that needs to be paid is 10g

so:  $(10\text{g} \times \text{RM}203.50) \times (2.5\% \text{ gold zakat})$  which is RM50.90 only.

## **GOLD ZAKAT IN MALACCA**

### **a) Gold Jewelry Zakat (METHOD 2)**

The state of Malacca has set the rate of 180 grams as a condition for a person to fulfill a zakat of gold jewelry. When one has gold jewelry that exceeds the rate, the amount of zakat payable is 2.5% of the total gold price. The total price of this gold is calculated by obtaining the value of the gold after deducting the *'uruf* rate, then multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold at RM 257.74 in Malacca.

### **b) Gold Savings Zakat (METHOD 1)**

In the case of zakat payment for gold savings in Malacca, the requirement for a person to fulfill the gold savings zakat is when the gold savings weight exceeds 85 grams. The formula for calculating the amount of zakat payable is slightly different as the amount of gold savings zakat is multiplied by the current price of 1 gram of gold without having to subtract the *nisab* rate. Of the total, the amount of gold already multiplied, 2.5% of it would be the amount of zakat payable.

## **CONCLUSION**

Zakat is one of the obligations that must be fulfilled for every Muslim who has met the prescribed conditions. The issue of gold zakat which is confusing due to the difference in *'uruf* rates and different calculation formulas in each state has made majority of Muslims confused with the method of payment. However, technology is able to convey information related to zakat, especially the gold zakat information in the website has helped every Muslim in understanding this question more clearly, easily and quickly. The website of the zakat institution can also improve the zakat management system in their respective states. Furthermore, the zakat management system needs to be adjusted so that there is no confusion in the issue of zakat payment according to the respective states. The zakat institution website is also a platform that provides convenience to Muslims according to their respective states for registration, payment of zakat and the latest information on zakat. Therefore, the zakat institution website is the best alternative for Muslims to pay zakat, especially gold zakat which has different payment calculation methods according to *'uruf* and *nisab* that have been set by each state in Malaysia.

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