



جَابَاتَانِ اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْجُور
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

LEADERSHIP IS A GREAT AMAANAH & RESPONSIBILITY

In conjunction with the anniversary of the 67th birthday of His Royal Highness Sultan of Selangor



Let us increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* with full obedience, certainty, and sincerity. That is by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

With this, we truly hope to become among those having true *taqwa*, attaining salvation and success in this world and the Hereafter.

With the anniversary of the 67th
birthday of His Royal Highness
Sultan of Selangor, let us as
residents of Selangor, express
our gratefulness and pray to
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* to
increase our

Sultan in age, so that His Highness will stay healthy, in peace and safety.

We also pray so that His Highness will always be granted the *hidaayah* (guidance) and *inaayah* (aid)

from Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala*, in continuing his
rulership with justice and
fairness. That the state of
Selangor will always be in
peace and security, its residents
united, and its

economy growing with the
Pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala.*

The topic of today’s *khutbah* is
“Leadership Is A Great
Amaanah & Responsibility.”

Leadership is something that is fundamental in life. Its role and function exists at all levels of society according to the need and specific demands. At the very least, each individual is a leader for his or her ownself.

An individual may be the head of the family, an organization or a club, and a nation. In short, each individual has a responsibility and carries an *amaanah* that must be

fulfilled to the best of his or her ability. Narrated ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu* that he heard the Messenger of Allah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* saying:

“Everyone of you is a guardian, and responsible for what is in his custody. The ruler is a guardian of his subjects and responsible for them; a husband is a guardian of his family and

is responsible for it; a lady is a guardian of her husband's house and is responsible for it, and a servant is a guardian of his master's property and is responsible for it.”

(al-Bukhaari & Muslim)

According to this *hadeeth*, we are all leaders and each leader is responsible in administering, managing, and safeguarding everything that is entrusted upon them.

Islam, leadership is an *amaanah* and duty in ensuring the safety and well-being of the masses.

Islam is a religion that covers and touches upon all aspects of lives. In matters of leadership,

Islam has underscore few
guidelines to be emulated,
among them:

1- Leadership in Islam carries a
heavy *amaanah* and
responsibility to be fulfilled that

is entrusted upon and it must not
be accepted or shouldered with
lightness.

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

“Indeed, we offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, and they declined to bear it and feared it; but man [undertook to] bear it. Indeed, he was unjust and ignorant.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:72)

2- In Islam, leadership, position,
and status are not sought after,
demanded, or asked for.

Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* had once reprimanded

‘Abdur Rahmaan bin Samurah
radiyAllaahu ‘anh for asking to
be appointed for a position. He
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
advised him, stating:

“O ‘Abdur Rahmaan! Do not seek to be a ruler, for if you are given authority on your demand then you will be held responsible for it, but if you are given it without asking (for it),

then you will be helped (by Allah) in it. If you ever take an oath to do something and later on you find that something else is better, then you should expiate your oath and do what is better.”

(al-Bukhaari)

3- Leadership in Islam is a heavy task that requires both physical and spiritual preparation. If one is weak and incapable, then the *amaanah* and responsibility cannot be entrusted upon

such person, what more if it is demanded. It has been narrated on the authority of Abu Dharr *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* who said: I said to the Prophet (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*):

“O Messenger of Allah, will you not appoint me to a public office?” He stroked my shoulder with his hand and said: “Abu Dharr, you are weak and authority is a trust. And on the Day of

Judgment it is a cause of
humiliation and repentance
except for one who fulfills its
obligations and (properly)
discharges the duties
attendant thereon.”

(Muslim)

Leadership in Islam is wholesome and integrated, for Islam is not limited to worldly matters or purely matters of Hereafter only. Instead, Islam encompasses all affairs including both

worldly and Hereafter, spiritual
and physical, material and
immaterial, in attaining
blissfulness and security in this
world and the Hereafter.

Therefore, Muslim leaders must be chosen from among those having *taqwa*, (religious) knowledge, capability, and qualified in fulfilling all the abovementioned

requirements. In Islam, rendering authority to those ineligible or unqualified is deemed as betraying the command of Allah and His Messenger.

Leaders are deeply responsible in safeguarding themselves from committing *munkar* and immoral deeds. They are accountable in safeguarding and ensuring matters pertaining to

‘aqeedah, Sharee‘ah, and akhlaaq all adheres to Islamic requirements. They are responsible in executing all matters obligated upon them well, trustworthy, responsible, and just.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’ an:

“Indeed, Allah commands
you to render trusts to whom
they are due and when you

judge between people to judge
with justice. Excellent is that
which Allah instructs you.
Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing
and Seeing.”

(an-Nisaa' 4:58)

Leadership in Islam is a heavy duty that must be fulfilled with perfection. Negligence and failure in executing the responsibilities and *amaanah*, whether as the head of family, society, or nation will result in

regret and loss in the Hereafter.

Hence, every leaders of all levels must give their all in improving their self-quality and leadership qualities to the level of excellence. Take heed, for leadership in

Islam is not a means for accumulating wealth, acquiring status, and enjoyment in this world, but instead a heavy burden that is shouldered, *waajib* to be fulfilled, and will be questioned by Allah in the Hereafter.

To become an excellent leader,
then Rasulullah *sallAllahu
'alayhi wasallam* is the very
best exemplary to be emulated.
He is the ultimate role model as
a father, husband, grandfather,

a loving and caring friend, who was well-liked and loved by his surrounding. He was not only a religious leader that purified the certainty and ‘aqeedah of mankind from darkness unto

the light of Truth. But he was a leader that was successful in organizing excellent administration that covered all aspects of human lives, politics, governance, military economics,

education, socio-cultural lives within societies, and many more. He was also a lawmaker and nurturer of fine *akhlaaq* and high moral values. Such that amongst the prophets and messengers,

he *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* is the foremost and greatest. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:21)

We conclude from today's
khutbah that:

1- Leadership is a daunting
amanaah and responsibility that
is garnered by every individuals
and societies.

2- Leadership in Islam is comprehensive and integrated that is based upon the concept of *wasatiyyah* or a balanced development between the affairs of this world and Hereafter, spiritual

and physical, spiritual and material, in attaining happiness in this world and the Hereafter.

3- Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* is the best and excellent role model

that is to be emulated in leadership and all aspects of lives, so as to achieve success in this world and the Hereafter.

4- Muslim leaders must strive
in creating order and peace
within their jurisdictions, so
the masses will attain security
in their lives.

5- Leaders will surely encounter
and be subjected to Allah's
Court in the Hereafter, if they
were negligent towards their
subjects while executing their
amaanah and duties.

“[The angels will be ordered],
“Gather those who committed
wrong, their kinds, and what
they used to worship. Other
than Allah, and guide them to
the path of Hellfire. And stop
them; indeed, they are to be
questioned.””

(as-Saaffaat 37:22-24)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ 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.**

Allaahumma ameen



DI SEDIAKAN OLEH :

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