



جَابَاتَانِ اِغَامَا اِيسْلَامِ سِلَانِغُورِ  
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

**JUST LEADERS,**  
**THE NATION**  
**PROSPERS**



**I urge all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commandments and avoiding all of His prohibitions.**

**Leadership in Islam has a broad definition and connotation that also includes leaders within the family institution, community, society, and the Muslim nation. The bigger the leadership scope, the heavier**

**the responsibility. On the  
authority of ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*: that  
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi  
wasallam* said:**

**“Each of you is a shepherd and  
each of you is responsible for his  
flock.**

**The leader is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock; a man is the shepherd of his family and is responsible for his flock; a woman is the shepherd in the house of her husband and is responsible for her flock; a servant is the**

**shepherd of his master's wealth  
and is responsible for it. Each of  
you is a shepherd and is  
responsible for his flock.”**

**(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)**

**In the history of Islamic leadership, Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* was the first leader of the Muslim *ummah* who was successful in forming the first Islamic state in Madeenah al-Munawwarah.**

**Even though Madeenah  
population was comprised of  
various tribes and ethnicity, they  
had all lived in peace and  
harmony due to the justice and  
wisdom of Rasulullah *sallAllaahu*  
*'alayhi wasallam.***



**The justice of Muhammad  
*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* as a  
leader and statesman was evident  
in many different occasion. This is  
based on numerous authentic  
narrations,**

**and among them the *hadeeth* of  
‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*  
regarding the lady from Bani  
Makhzum that stole, where the  
Messenger of Allah *sallAllaahu*  
*‘alayhi wasallam* said:**

**“... By Allah, if Fatima, the daughter of Muhammad stole, I would cut off her hand.”**

**(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)**

**In implementing the *Sharee'ah*,  
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi  
wasallam* never differentiated  
between his family members,  
relatives, companions, influential  
individuals, and vice versa. He  
*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam***

**was always just in  
dealing with all matters. His style  
of leadership was later emulated  
by the Caliphs such as Abu Bakr  
as-Siddeeq, ‘Umar ibn al-  
Khattaab, and others such that  
peace and prosperity in  
Madeenah was**

**well maintained. This is a clear evidence indicating that the presence of a just leader will bring harmony into the household, society, and entire population, bringing prosperity in the land with the protection from**

**Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. A leader is only deemed as a just leader upon becoming capable of fulfilling the *amaanah* (trust) entrusted with perfection. The two major *amaanah* that must be shouldered by a leader in any**

**nation are:**

- 1. Fulfillment and implementation of the *Sharee'ah* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.**
- 2. Guiding and leading mankind towards a life that is pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*.**



**The just leader must always utilize al-Qur'an as the primary source in fulfilling all the *amaanah*. This is because al-Qur'an contains Allah's Laws that are comprehensive as compared to laws created by His creations.**

*Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:  
**“And judge, [O Muhammad],  
between them by what Allah has  
revealed and do not follow**

**their inclinations and beware of them, lest they tempt you away from some of what Allah has revealed to you.”**

**(al-Maa'idah 5:49)**

**Indeed, this *amaanah* is a heavy burden that is to be fulfilled. Its challenges are daunting and enormous. Not everyone comprehends the *hikmah* and benefit in the implementation of Allah's *Sharee'ah*.**

**Not to mention those that refuse to be bounded by rules and regulations that they deem as suppressing their freedom. What more for a leader who does not understand the scope of duties and responsibilities to be**

**carried out? Hence, such frailty and deficiency will only further taint the purity of Islamic teachings.**

**Islam has laid down the principle that leadership should not be given to the person without the necessary**

**qualification and those unfit for the position. What more if the person demands or strive to obtain such position through deceits. Such attitude will only make the leadership position as a highly sought prized item, causing**

**unhealthy activities such as bribery, *fitnah*, misappropriation, and others. The nation will become chaotic when such person is appointed as their leader for the very intent solely lies in the self-interest.**



**Therefore, in the leadership of a nation, its flourishing or decline depends upon the good or bad of its administration. If the *amaanah* of leadership is fulfilled with justice, then prosperous is the country.**

**But if the *amaanah* is fulfilled unjustly, then the country will collapse and its *ummah* doomed. In the same *hadeeth* of ‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha* previously mentioned:**

**The Messenger of Allah  
*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* then  
stood up and addressed (people)  
saying: “O people, those who have  
gone before you were destroyed,  
because if any one of high rank  
committed theft amongst**

**them, they spared him; and if anyone of low rank committed theft, they inflicted the prescribed punishment upon him. By Allah, if Fatima, daughter of Muhammad, were to steal, I would have her hand cut off.”**

**(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)**

**Every leader has been bestowed  
*amaanah* by Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* to implement laws that  
has been prescribed with full  
justice. 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)**

**The scholars of *tafseer* have explained that the meaning of the verse above is addressed specifically to the leaders (*'umaraa*). Justice that is commanded is not exclusive for the Muslims only but includes all walks of society**

**with its diverse ethnicity and religion that falls under the ruling of the leadership. Indeed, justice is a right that is entitled to all individuals regardless of their creed, race, and status.**



**For example, Islamic Law prohibits Muslims from declaring war or transgresses against non-Muslims that sought refuge and protection under Islamic government. Furthermore, they are to be granted the same rights**

**enjoyed by the Muslims. Hence, it behooves the Muslim *ummah* today to emulate the justice that was manifested by Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* in carrying out his duties and responsibilities as a leader.**

**What is happening today is that there are from among the leaders those that are unjust in fulfilling their *amaanah*. Truly they have failed their *amaanah* from Allah and His Messenger when they chose to not implement the *Sharee'ah***

**of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
on this earth. Instead, they have  
betrayed by inventing rulings that  
are not based according to His  
*Sharee'ah*. In result, various types  
of evil and crime become rampant  
and remain**

**unsolved. Hence, the peace and prosperity that is longed for is not achieved. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:**

**“O you who have believed, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence].”**

**(al-Anfaal 8:27)**

**There are some leaders in this world that are engrossed in accumulating wealth for their own personal gain while the population continues to live in misery. The welfare of the people is never a concern.**

**In the end, patience runs out and the people rose in opposition due to the injustices of their leaders.**

**Indeed, this is the reality of the current phenomenon in several of the Muslim**



**countries today, stemming from  
the greed of their leaders. This  
predicament will definitely result  
in greater catastrophe for  
mankind in its entirety. In the  
*hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah  
*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi***

*wasallam* responded to a  
**Bedouin's enquiry regarding the  
Hour:**

**“When honesty is lost, then wait  
for the Hour (Doomsday).” The  
Bedouin said, “How will that be  
lost?” The Prophet *sallAllaahu  
'alayhi wasallam* said, “**

**When the power or authority  
comes in the hands of unfit  
persons, then wait for the Hour  
(Doomsday).”**

**(al-Bukhaari)**

**A leader that is just in fulfilling his responsibilities will attain the protection of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* on the Last Day. This is based upon the *saheeh hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh***

**regarding the seven types of people that will be under the shade of Allah where there is no shade other than His Shade on that Day. One of the groups would be the just leader.**

**What is clear is that the just leader will attain nobility not only from among mankind but also with Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. They will always be praised in this world because of their justice to the society, bringing**

**harmony and prosperity in the  
land. They will be honored with  
the protection of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* from any  
punishment. On the contrary, the  
unjust leader will only destroy the  
harmony and prosperity in the  
land. In**

**the end, they would only attain severe torment on the Day of Reckoning.**

**Among the main characteristics that must be manifested in a leader are:**

- 1. Having sincere intention**
- 2. Having full obedience to**



## **Allah and His *Rasul***

- 3. Comprehension of the objectives of implementing the *Sharee'ah*.**
- 4. Being *amaanah* (trustworthy), having strong self-identity, and other excellent (*mahmudah*) characteristics.**

**Let us all unite in increasing the prosperity and harmony of our land by supporting leaders that are just and trustworthy (*amaanah*). Let us constantly make *du'a* so that Allah will bestow upon us a leader that fully implements Islamic**

**teachings, trustworthy, and responsible. We truly hope that leadership that is built upon the leadership within the family, community, and nation will be manifested in our lives today.**

**“O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just.**

**Be just; that is nearer to  
righteousness. And fear Allah;  
indeed, Allah is Acquainted with  
what you do.”**

**(al-Maa'idah 5:8)**

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي 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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