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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

# LEADERSHIP IS A GREAT *AMAANAH* & RESPONSIBILITY

In conjunction with the anniversary of the 67<sup>th</sup>  
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 67<sup>th</sup>  
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'ala*, 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 'anhuma* that he  
heard the Messenger of Allah  
*sallAllahu '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 Rahman bin Samurah  
*radhiyAllaahu ‘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 (*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*):

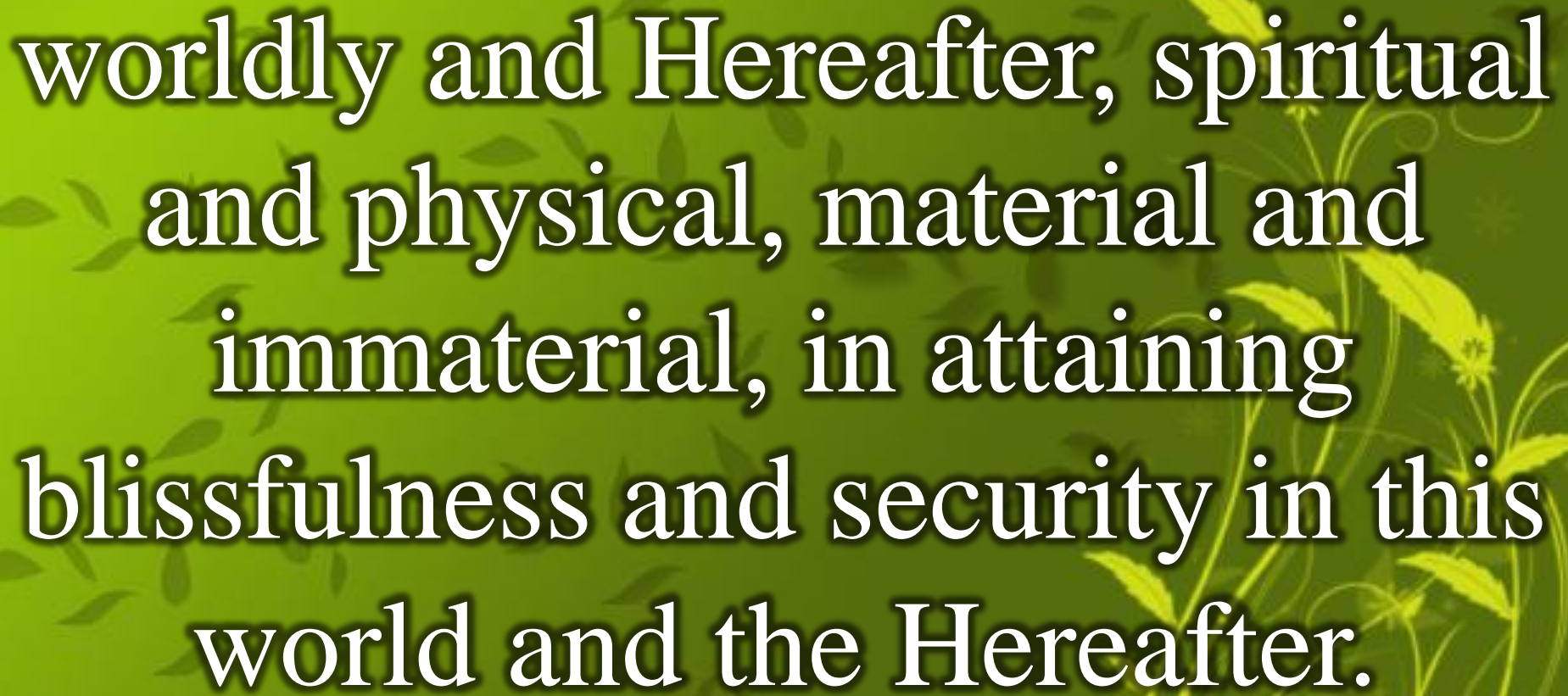
**“O Messenger of Allah, will you not appoint me to a public office?” He stroked my shoulder with his hand and said: “Abu Dharr, you are weak and authority is a trust. And on the Day of**



**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

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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

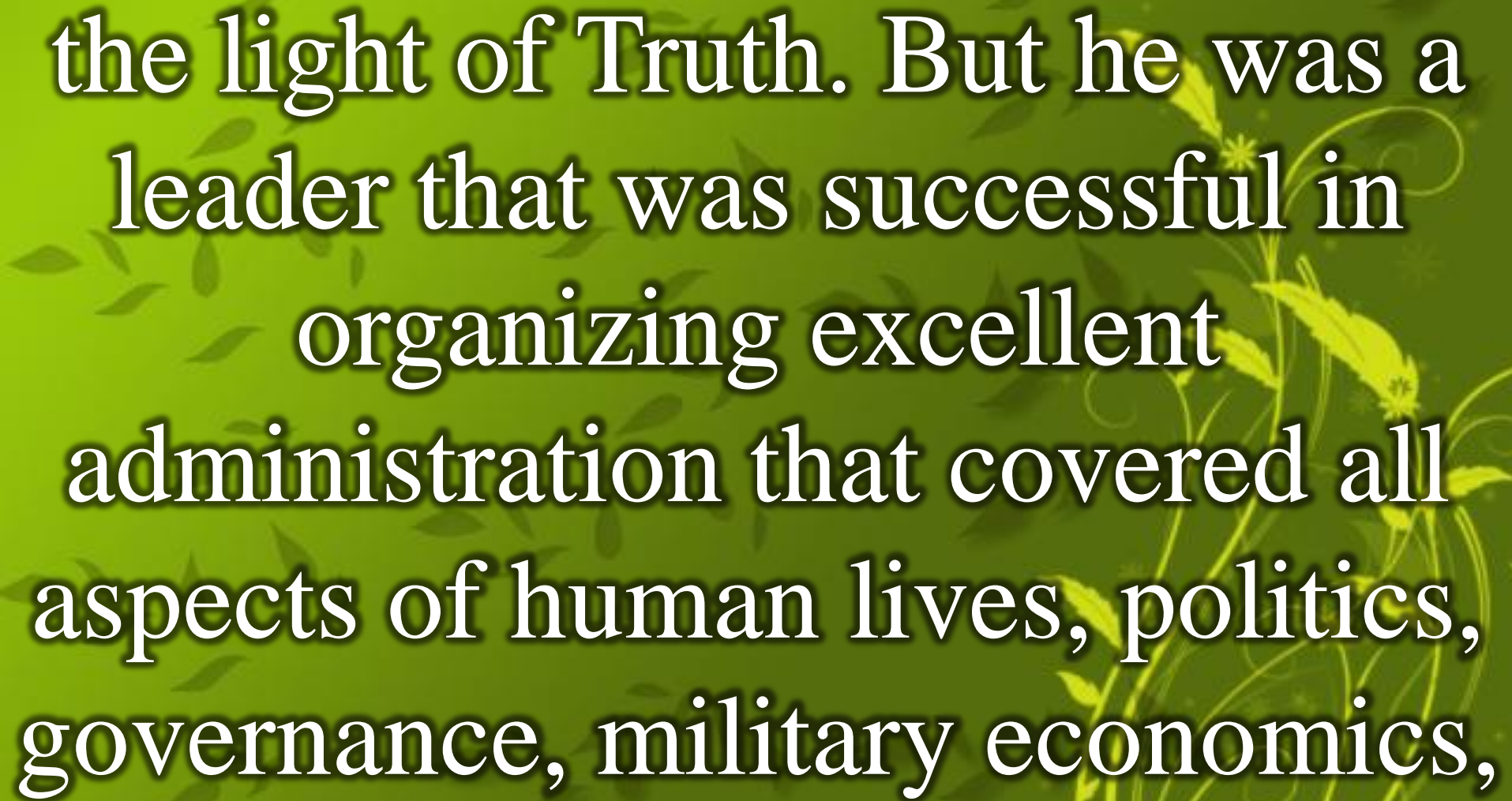
regret and loss in the Hereafter.

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

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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 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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