



become among those beloved to Allah and further attain salvation in this world and the Hereafter. In conjunction with the theme of Teachers' Day this year, which is

Guru Pembina Negara Bangsa (Teachers As Nation Builders), the topic of today's khutbah is: "The Dignity Of A Teacher And Its Challenges"

May 16th of every year has been declared as Teachers' Day at the national level. This is to commemorate the services and sacrifices of those known as teachers Remember that whatever status we currently hold, likewise with the success of a nation or people, certainly it began with the upbringing by those known as teachers. Teachers are murabbi, du'aat whom are recognized as

very noble within the religion and society, for they have inherited the very role of the messengers in guiding mankind to the path of truth and shaping the human civilization through

education and the spread of knowledge. Such gigantic role shouldered by the teachers for they as people of knowledge possessing imaan and taqwa, they are like stars in the sky, serving as a guide,

illuminating the path, whether in the village or city, on land or in the sea.

It was narrated from Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh that مطرالله said:

"Verily, the scholars are like stars in the sky used by people to guide them in land and sea in the darkness of the night. When these stars fall or go out, you will fall into misguidance"

The field of teaching is a profession that is lofty and noble. A teacher has to shoulder tasks and great challenges in educating, guiding, and teaching in the process of shaping an

individual unto becoming human capital that is beneficial to the religion, people, and nation. Teachers are often faced with various challenges in fulfilling their very

Among the challenges faced by teachers are dealing with diverse societal background and their misconception upon the role of teachers. So much so that some would have to endure degrading

insults. Their roles are undermined, and some would even harm or injure the teachers. In confronting those challenges, the Ministry of Education takes it as

serious matter regarding the role of the parents and the surrounding community towards education by establishing e-sarana, as mentioned in the Malaysia Education Blueprint (PPPM)

2013-2025. e-sarana is an effort to increase the parents' involvement in the children's learning inside the classroom or even beyond. The parents' skills and expertise can be

shared together in enhancing the children's education. Hence, it is important to have the parents' involvement with the children and taking appropriate actions in

helping them to attain success in the future. Parents must assume the role of teachers at home, in continuing the dissemination of knowledge by the teachers in school.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"... And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression.

And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty" (al-Maa'idah 5:2)

At a time that is truly challenging, children are openly exposed to multitudes

of negative elements that can cause them to become heedless and complacent. For example, getting carried away with the smartphone, on the Internet, and various forms of entertainment.

They would trust the information received from the Internet that is still unverified of its authenticity. This culture can cause confusion and misunderstanding in matters

of 'ibaadah, akhlaaq, and more worrying is if it leads to the corruption of 'aqeedah.

Nowadays, we are often shocked by various revelations through the

news, regarding Malaysians joining the 'Militant Islamic State' and even frightening is that there are school children involved. According to the news outlet, the cunning strategy employed in

recruiting school children is through using medium such as Facebook before funding their journey to certain countries, only providing a very narrow interpretation on the real definition of jihaad,

solely to attain the reward of Paradise. Therefore, in facing these challenges, the teachers and parents must address such issue with full wisdom and continuously.

In concluding today's khutbah, I would like to invite fellow audience to internalize upon the essence of the khutbah, as guidance in our daily lives. Among them:

- 1. The Muslim *ummah* must respect and appreciate the teachers, and not insult or degrade them.
- 2. The parents and the society must assume the role of the teachers outside of

the classroom. 3. Time management that is of high quality (effective) is important in producing excellent students in their academics and akhlaag 4. This country truly needs

human capital that possesses good behavior and high skill level. 5. The teachers must equip themselves with knowledge that are adequate, noble personality, and virtuous akhlaaq, so that they become good example and exemplary to be followed.

6. All parties must consolidate their efforts in upholding education, in attaining blissfulness in this

world and the Hereafter.

Remember, dear blessed Muslims, for excellent nations are the result of excellent ummah. Excellent people are the result of

excellent families, while excellent families results from excellent individuals, while excellent individuals are groomed from the upbringing of the individual known as the teacher.

"It is He who has sent among the unlettered a Messenger from themselves reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Bool and wisdom -

Although they were before in clear error"

(al-Jumu'ah 69:2)



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرَ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأُمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and

extremism in which its consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude

for Rasulullah عليه وسلم was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, as an

advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic Affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizq, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, 0

return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe trials, so that our state will become more peaceful and blessed.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech You, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, and protect us from the practices and 'aqeedah that are astray such as the Shee'is, Qadiyaani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations, as well as making waqf and infaaq of our wealth especially to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor (Selangor Wagf

Corporation) and Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic **Development Trust Fund of** Selangor). With these deeds, O Allah, bless our lives and widen our rizq with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.



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