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LEADERS AND THE NUMBER OF THE OWNER

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I humbly remind myself and respected audience to have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and

leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all become the slaves of Allah whom are pleasing to Him in this world and the Hereafter. On this glorious day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled



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Leaders and the future are two elements that are interrelated. A leader is an individual that possess power, ability, and competence so that the future achievement of a nation can be formed

well. Leadership in Islam is not a privilege, advantage, or something to boast about. It is an amaanah (trust), a very heavy mandate, and its very responsibility will be questioned about in this

world and in the Hereafter in front of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Leaders whom are trustworthy, sincere, just, and prioritizes the public interest will be the first group that will be granted

with the Shade of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in the Hereafter. If negligent and failed, then it will be humiliation and regret for the one that shouldered the trust.

It was narrated from Abu Dharr *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that he asked Rasulullah ^ﷺ:

"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

will be a cause of humiliation and regret except for one who fulfils its obligations and (properly) discharges the duties attendant thereon."

(Muslim)

Once more, it is in our hands where there will be rights in determining leaders that are capable of fixing the damages and existing integrity problems, paving the way and leading towards

excellence and glory for the nation's future. Hence, in realizing leaders and the nation's future that are ideal and respectable, several factors are necessary and must be viewed and

evaluated by all of us with sound intellect, based upon sound knowledge, previous experience, and current prevailing situation.

Whoever is selected as leader will be the main factor for the Muslims for the elected leader holds the potential for the future and serves as the pillar to the success of a national administration

having integrity and excellence. With Malaysia **Muslim-majority** as a country, the candidate selected must that is have strong character, works hard and willing to undertake initiatives and

efforts, well-versed in the of diversity race, ethnicity, and religion. National leaders for a Malaysia great necessitate leaders who would firmly cling upon Islamic principles, high

values and moral integrity. The future leaders must be able to determine a matter with precision and accuracy, as well as preserving all important elements, the status of Islam, the

Muslims, as well as other religions and ethnicities. The future leaders must be capable of propelling spiritual and physical progress that are balanced, and build the foundations of unity of a

country according to the framework determined.

In Islam, a leader must have and practice four traits, namely siddeeq or honest that his personality, speech, and

actions can be trusted; tableegh or a presenter that is able to communicate and consult; amaanah or responsible in carrying out tasks; and fatanah or smart in organizing

plans, strategy, and its implementation. It is wrong to select a candidate that will nation to cause a become unstable and chaotic. In the hadeeth

Hurayrah of Abu radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah ﷺ was asked about the Hour, he said:

"When honesty is lost, then wait for the Hour." It was asked, "How will honesty be lost?" He 🗯 said, "When authority is given to those who do not deserve it, then wait for the Hour."

(al-Bukhaari)

Do not choose leaders that would only belittle their religion. Historical facts have indicated that many leaders had placed their struggle on the basis of religion, preserving their people,

exhibiting transparency and trust. However, when they assume power, everything changed. The fact is, when in power, they would only protect their group's interest and

authority, taking revenge and blaming others for the past history. When in power, the agenda of protecting Islam and the rights of the Muslims into transformed protecting certain

individuals or their own cohort, as opposed to protecting the rights of the people. In result, they failed in preserving the people's unity, political stability, and national honor, as yearned by all of us.

The promises of a leader from a certain group or manifesto is a marketing document of ideas, hopes, and the future. Manifesto is the statement declaring the plans by a group that

details the roles and changes that will be implemented in the future. Manifesto cannot just remain as a tool or promises in influencing the minds and people's perception regarding the

future. Let it not be that just because of the craze for power, a populist manifesto is made for the sake of wresting power, where in reality, it is all lies to the masses. In the end, the manifesto is

justified as not being a 'holy scripture' and that justification became waajib (obligatory) to be adhered to.

In the hadeeth Ma'qil (مَعْقِلَ بنَ يَسارِ) bin Yasaar radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah had sternly reminded:

"If Allah appointed anyone ruler over a people and he died while he was still treacherous to his people, Allah would forbid his entry into Paradise."

(Muslim)

The manifesto must be and realistic comprehensive in nature, including every aspect of the needs of the people and society, political national stability, security, and public

order. Promises for the future is too precious for the people and nation to be sacrificed for the sake of short-term political ambitions of individuals or certain groups. Indeed, the interests of

Islam, the Malays, the Muslims, and the Bumiputera be must highly prioritized. The status of the Malay religious Rulers, institutions, and the rights of the Malays are

waajib to be defended, while at the same time not marginalizing the rights of other religions and races.

The mandate is the 'people's power' granted upon the leader or a particular group as the driver in carrying the people's aspirations. The leaders according to Islam are umaraa' or uli al-amr,

which is those given the amaanah to administer the affairs of the people. Aside from that, the leader is the servant or khaadim of the people. After the leader has been elected through the

'people's power', the leader and his team then must practice mature politics that is centered on the interests of the people and nation. Halt the disputes and prolonged political voices

that only threatens the stability of the government and country. **Build the nation together** and through responsible checks and balances process for the sake of the people. The instability

of the government after the previous general election should serve as grave lesson for us all in selecting our future leader.

To end this sermon, let us altogether internalize and derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must realize that choosing and selecting a leader that is honest, trustworthy, and serving the people is truly important in

providing the opportunity for this nation to become a prosperous nation and attaining the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. Economic strength and the wellbeing of a nation can only be achieved through political stability, the leader's attitude in upholding the amaanah, citizens that mutually respect one another,

knowing and acknowledging the rights of others while at the same time fulfilling the responsibility as good citizens.

3. Leadership and the **Muslims must realize that** positions or stature in Islam is not tashreef (nobility), but instead it is takleef, which is burden that will be held accountable in front of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, where it is not to be boasted with the accumulation of wealth, indulging in worldly delights or opulence that is only temporary.

"[We said], "O David, indeed We have made you a successor upon the earth, so judge between the people in truth and do not follow [your own] desire, as it will lead you astray from

the way of Allah." Indeed, those who go astray from the way of Allah will have a severe punishment for having forgotten the Day of Account."

(Sad 38:26)



Let us altogether strive to have the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

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O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling zakaat through Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS), making endowment (waqf)

through Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor (Selangor Endowment **Corporation) and giving away our** wealth (infaaq) through Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous **Charity for Muslims Fund).**

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the amaanah. Strengthen our imaan so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect

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our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. **Render the duty to lead our** country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding

the truth and executing justice according to the Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the masaajid and suraus in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes,

unitingeveryone,andserveastheheartofummah'sstrength.

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