

GUIDE TO SELECTING GE15 LEADERS
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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ
أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ
وَرَسُولَهُ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

In the current election environment, it is our responsibility as Muslims to choose leaders who are able to put Islam as a priority in the state and national governance. All Muslim leaders must make the prophet (pbuh) as a leadership model that complements the qualities of siddiq, trust, tabligh and fatanah. Every leader needs to be truthful in speech, trustworthy in carrying out responsibilities, conveys the call of preaching *amar makruf nahi munkar* (enjoining right and forbidding wrong) and wise in acting according to the principles of Sharia. We as Muslims who will go out to vote need to adhere to syariah guidelines in choosing our leaders. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 3 (surah Ali Imran) verse 118:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا بِطَانَةَ مَن دُونِكُمْ لَا يَأْلُونَكُمْ خَبَالًا وَدُّوا
مَا عَنْتُمْ قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَغْضَاءُ مِن أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَمَا تُخْفَى صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ قَدْ
بَيَّنَّا لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ إِن كُنتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٤٨﴾

Which means: *O believers! Do not associate closely with others who would not miss a chance to harm you. Their only desire is to see you suffer. Their prejudice has become evident from what they say—and what their hearts hide is far worse. We have made Our revelations clear to you, if only you understood.*

Dear brothers and sisters

In Islam, the main value of a leader is to be willing to defend Islamic law and defend Muslims and not based on greatness in delivering speeches. In this context, we need a Muslim leader who is righteous to Allah the Almighty and if there is no Muslim candidate, we can choose those who cooperate in governing the state and the country and respect Islam, Muslims and dignify the sultans as heads of religion. Mistakes in choosing leaders will cause this state and country to be ruled and dominated by those who hate Islam, insult Muslims and royal institutions and deny the rights of Malay supremacy. The Prophet (pbuh) gave a stern warning to his followers to not vote the wrong leader. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Bukhari:

Which means: *"When honesty is lost, then wait for the Hour." It was asked, "How will honesty be lost, O Allah's Messenger?" He said, "When authority is given to those who do not deserve it, then wait for the Hour."*

Dear brothers and sisters

According to syariah, voting for leaders in this election is obligatory. Therefore, parents should ensure that their children who are eligible to vote, go out to vote and choose a candidate who saves Islam and Muslims, especially the Malays. Never vote for candidates and parties that do not defend Islam, hate and are hostile to Islam and demean royal institutions or conspire with parties that are hostile to Islam. Allah the Almighty says in chapter (surah al-Haj) verse 41:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّهُمُ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٤١﴾

Which means: *"They are those who, if established in the land by Us, would perform prayer, pay alms-tax, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil. And with Allah rests the outcome of all affairs."*

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ
الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.