

LEADERSHIP OF THE PROPHET (pbuh)

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ
وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ، 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 وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

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

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Prophet (pbuh) is the best example in all aspects for Muslims. In addition to being the last Prophet and Messenger, the prophet (pbuh) is a husband, father, community leader and head of state who should be regarded

as a role model for Muslims in accordance with what Allah the Almighty says in chapter 33 (Surah al-Ahzab) verse 21:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ
وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

Which means: *Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah often.*

The prominent personality and authority of the Prophet (pbuh) as a leader was evident since he was young. The prophet (pbuh) successfully resolved the dispute between the heads of the Arab tribes in Makkah regarding the matter of placing the *hajar al-aswad*. At the family level, he also guided his family well. Despite being busy with work, the Prophet (pbuh) did not neglect his responsibilities as a husband and father.

From the economic aspect, the trustworthy leadership of the Prophet (pbuh) had succeeded in raising the economic standard of the city of Madinah by making it a trading center. The citizens were required to pay tithe (*zakat*). Usury and monopolies practised by the Jews were eliminated.

In the aspect of administration, the Prophet (pbuh) adopted an open attitude and was always ready to accept views and discussions. He also

prioritized the interests of the people, rather than personal interests. The trust of leadership cannot be executed lightly. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Hakim.

مَنْ وُيِّىَ مِنْ أَمْرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ شَيْئًا فَأَمَرَ عَلَيْهِمْ أَحَدًا مُحَابَاةً فَعَلَيْهِ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ...

Which means: “*Whoever is appointed as the ruler of the Muslims, then he rules carelessly, then he will be cursed by Allah...*”

Dear brothers and sisters,

Apart from the things mentioned earlier, the most important thing that we need to emulate from the leadership of the Prophet (pbuh) is strengthening our faith and belief. The Prophet (pbuh) changed the polytheistic Arab society to belief in Allah SWT. The Prophet (pbuh) set a target to Islamize the entire population of Makkah, Madinah and the surrounding areas. The leadership in Malaysia should also be highly responsible in playing the role of empowering religion and dakwah to convey Islam to the multiracial people in this country, and not just hand over the responsibility to religious institutions.

Dakwah should be delivered more actively to non-Muslims including to business owners and proprietors as was implemented by the Prophet (pbuh). Just look at Abdul Rahman bin Auf, a wealthy tycoon. When he embraced Islam, he became a philanthropist and was willing to sacrifice his

wealth and life for the sake of Islam. He donated a lot to the people of Madinah including camels and war horses for the Tabuk war.

Imagine if the millionaires and owners of large business chains who are not Muslims in this country embrace Islam. Definitely Islam will become strong and safe. It is not impossible that Genting Highlands, which is known as an entertainment and gambling center, will turn into a tourism and dakwah center.

Let us all emulate the leadership of the Prophet (pbuh). Be leaders who follow the exemplary leadership of the Prophet (pbuh) in prioritizing the formation of *aqidah (islamic creed)* and *dakwah*. Malaysia will eventually become a country where more and more of its citizens accept and embrace Islam.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 9 (surah At-Taubah) verse 33:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظَاهِرَهُ عَلَىٰ الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ

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Which means: “*He is the One Who has sent His Messenger with true guidance and the religion of truth, making it prevail over all others, even to the dismay of the polytheists.*”

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 إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.