

SPEECH BY

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ON THE OCCASION OF MAJLIS PENYERAHAN SUMBANGAN DANA BAGI PELARIAN PALESTIN SEMPENA KEMPEN DIGNITY IS PRICELESS

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AT
DEWAN MULTAQA, TINGKAT BAWAH,
KEMENTERIAN HAL EHWAL UGAMA

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الانبياء والمرسلين سيدنا محمد وعلى اله وصحبه اجمعين وبعد

Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Awang Othman Minister of Religious Affairs

Yang Mulia Pengiran Dato Paduka Seri Haji Bahrom bin Pengiran Haji Bahar

Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs

Mr Abdirahman Aynte, Director of Strategic Planning, United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA)

Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

And a very good afternoon

1. Alhamdulillah, we are blessed by Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala to be here together today in this auspiscious occasion to celebrate the success of the Dignity is Priceless Campaign which has been held from the beginning on Ramadhan til the end of Zulhijjah 1440H. This project is a collaboration between the Ministry of Religious Affairs and United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA).

- 2. I wish to especially thank Yang Berhormat Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Paduka Seri Setia Ustaz Haji Awang Badaruddin bin Pengarah Dato Paduka Haji Awang Othman, the Minister of Religious Affairs to spend time with us today as our Guest of Honour to this event. This clearly shows his utmost support for such a noble cause dear to our hearts.
- 3. I would also like to take this oppurtunity to welcome Mr Abdirahman Aynte, Director of Strategic Planning, United Nations Relief Works Agency to Brunei Darussalam.
- 4. I would also like to laud the organising committees led by the International Affairs and MABIMS Section together with other relevant Departments and Sections in the Ministry, Youth Groups and other agencies who have put this event into success.

Yang Berhormat Pehin, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 5. We understand there are Palestinian Refugees are struggling simply to survive, unable to feed their children properly and this is our obligation as a nation, moreover as human beings, to feel and share their pain and sufferings in line with the concept of Maqasid Syarie which refers to protecting and preserving faith, life, intellect, posteritry and wealth.
- 6. Hence, The Dignity is Priceless campaign is aimed to address this. This Campaign in Brunei is a collaboration project between the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The campaign looks to collect public funds to enable UNRWA to assist

registered Palestinian refugees scattered in five areas - Gaza, West Bank (including East Jerusalem), Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

- 7. Alhamdulillah, through determined efforts and relentless support from various parties within the government especially generous donations from the public, we are able to collect an amount of nearly BND\$904,537.43
- 8. On behalf of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, I would express my appreciation for the success of this campaign to the dedicated team of youth groups, officers and staff from various government agencies, private sectors; for the tireless efforts to ensure the success of this Campaign.
- 9. We hope UNRWA will deliver this donation to the Palestinian Refugees and this enabling them to buy nutritious food and sustain their living.
- 10. Lastly, I would once again thank all of you and to all the sponsors for their generosity. May Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala accepts our donations and good deeds and end the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in alestine. Amin Ya Rabbal Alamin.

Thank you.