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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PERDAUS RAISES \$18,000 FOR BAPA RELIEF'S ROHINGYA APPEAL**

Perdaus is humbled to present to Bapa Relief a cheque of \$18,000 last week, 21 December 2017, for the Bapa Relief Rohingya Appeal, following a fundraising effort from the Perdaus family and wider community.

Bapa Relief is the humanitarian arm of Bapa, which stands for Badan Agama Dan Pelajaran Radin Mas, or the Religious & Educational League Of Radin Mas. It is a locally registered non-profit organisation that has past experiences working in other humanitarian efforts for Syrian and Somalian refugees.

Perdaus president, Mr Safarin Amerudin, handed the cheque to Bapa chairman, Mr Mohd Johan Janif, and its assistant treasurer, Mr Mohd Zairil Ismail, at the new Bapa headquarters in Kembangan Court.

Also present in the Perdaus delegation were Mr Mohd Jakfar Embek, Vice President I, and Mdm Zarina Begam Abd Razak, Honorary Secretary.

Perdaus is humbled to learn that the donation was included in the most recent trip made by Bapa Relief to Balukhali and Kutupalong refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The donation was dedicated to various efforts that best serve the Rohingya refugees in the current, more stable situation.

These include the funds for:

- 10 shelter houses
- 200 sets of blankets for the cold season
- 200 food packs including rice, dhal, sugar and salt
- Fittings for a school, including solar panels, fans, cementing of floor, cupboards, blackboard, mats and pillows
- Drainage, carpets, cementing of floor, and PA systems for a few mosques

- Salaries of teachers at two schools
- 10 tube wells benefitting up to 500 families
- Cash donations for orphans and volunteers.

We hope that our part in providing this small bit of assistance will be accepted by the Almighty. We pray for the continued peace and security of the Rohingya community and for all other oppressed peoples around the globe.

The initiative of this small fundraising is part of Perdaus' commitment as an institution to raise awareness and educate our stakeholders, especially our students, on the importance of being cognisant of and concern for the humanitarian issues of the Rohingya community.

We thank our donors for their kind and compassionate generosity in making the fundraising effort a success.

We also thank Bapa Relief for facilitating the disbursement of the donation to the Rohingya refugees.

The fundraising also brought forth a spirit of community, as various activities and projects were undertaken by our stakeholders to support the effort. From the outright cash donations, and partnering with The Bustan Khat for the sale of calligraphy works, to the sale of cookies by a team of sisters who are our students, and the collection of clothes and paper – many hands make light work indeed, and we are certainly heartened that the Rohingya community are not forgotten by our community.

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Details of photo: (L to R) Mdm Zarina Begam Abd Razak, Mr Mohd Jakfar Embek, Mr Safarin Amerudin, Mr Mohd Zairil Ismail and Mr Mohd Johan Janif.