

# Raja of Perlis: Challenges can distort Muslim beliefs

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**KANGAR:** The Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, has expressed concern over the recent challenges faced by Muslims in the country.

This included the spreading of the Shia and Qadiani ideology, and the latest is the issue of Islamic understanding brought by author Irshad Manji.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin said the understanding of Islam brought by Irshad, a Ugandan-born Canadian Muslim author, could distort the beliefs of Muslims in the country.

He also voiced his concern over the moral and drug-related issues involving the youth.

Opening the Masjid Nurul Yaqin

at Kampung Chantek Bangun in Simpang Empat here on Thursday night, he urged Muslims to address these issues by strengthening their faith at all levels of society, especially the youth.

He also said the role of the mosque should be strengthened — every mosque committee member should explain and make Muslims in their areas understand the need to adhere to the Sunnah practices.

“A mosque is not only a place of worship, but also a centre to undertake social activities to unite Muslims regardless of race, class or political opinions.

“It is also a place for Muslims to perform charitable service and to build a culture of knowledge.”