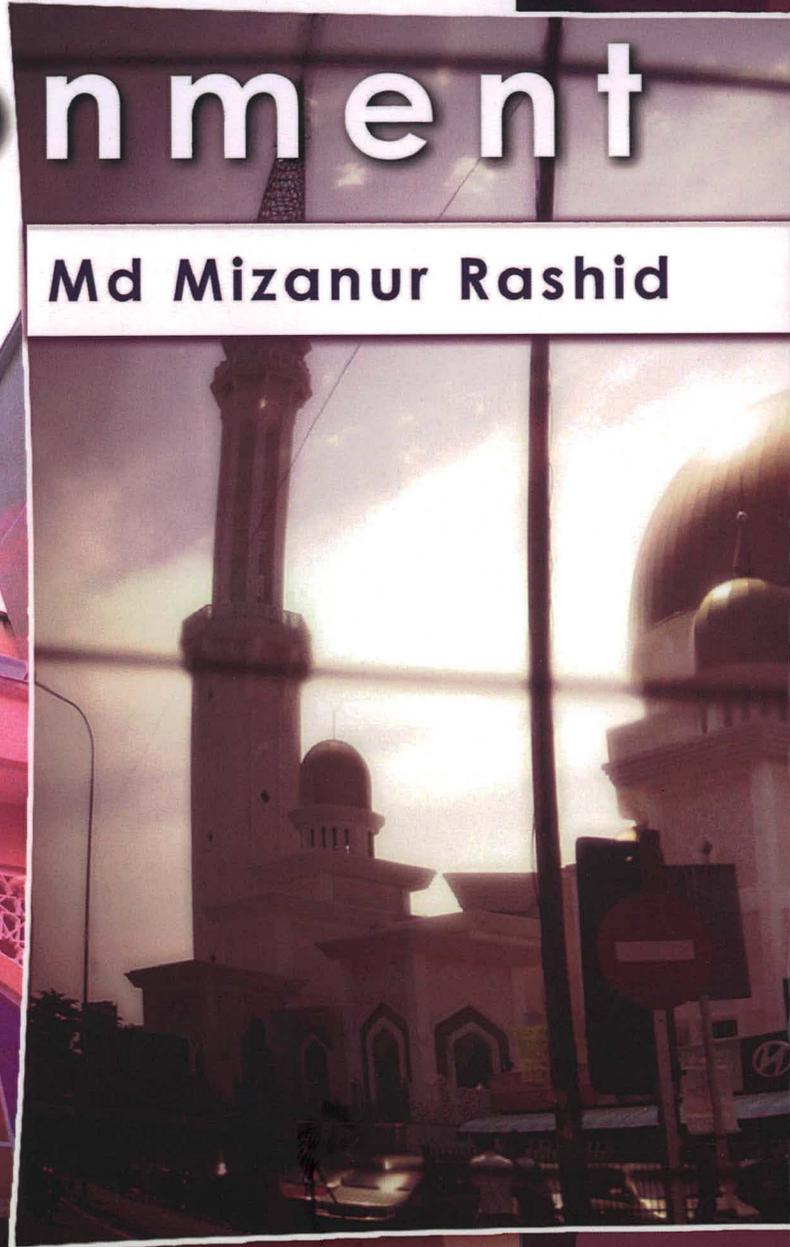




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# ISLAMIC GUIDING PRINCIPLE (*SHARI'AH LAW*) FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTEXT

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## ABSTRACT

This research explaining the importance of the rights of neighbours in Islam. The aim and objective of this research is to find out what are the rights of neighbours in Al Quran and Sunnah and to relate it with the planning of the neighbourhood context. The method applied in this research is reviewing other literatures. The finding shows three important aspects which are the rights of neighbours, respecting neighbours property and thoroughfares. As for neighbouring housing right several part are discussed such as smoke, prevention of air and light, quietness, smell and access of water. In relation to this planners should consider the location of the houses should not near factories and dumping ground in order to avoid smoke and smell. Architects and planners should consider the neighbours property or setback before designing a new development. The planners should plan for all the important facilities for new township such as water and proper disposal of sewage facilities. The new development should not harm the old development in terms of accessing the water or road. As for respecting neighbours property aspect, architects should create open space for each units so each of the owner have own open space to benefit from. As for the thoroughfares aspects one should respect them and provide enough size of pedestrian walkways. In conclusion in order to design a proper neighbourhood context ones should understand the right of the neighbours from the perspective of sharia (Al Quran and Sunnah).

## INTRODUCTION

Rights of neighbours are very important in Islam. In Surah Al Nisa: 36 Allah ask us to be good to far and near neighbours. Apart of this there are few others hadith also mention about the rights and being nice to neighbors. The hadith are such as Ibn `Umar and `Aishah (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, "*Jibril kept recommending treating neighbours with kindness until I thought he would assign a share of inheritance*". [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

*Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (PBUH) said, "By Allah, he is not a believer! By Allah, he is not a believer! By Allah, he is not a believer." It was asked, "Who is that, O Messenger of Allah?" He said, "One whose neighbour does not feel safe from his evil".* [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].