

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

Which means: *(He wants you) to complete the prescribed period, and to glorify Him in that He has guided you; and perchance ye shall be grateful.*

Today, we glorify Allah, as a sign of humbleness and to recognize the greatness of Allah as the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. We praise Allah the Almighty for giving us the opportunity to increase our obedience during the past month of *Ramadhan*. On this special occasion, we are encouraged to display our happiness, dress in beautiful clothing, visit relatives and friends, greet and meet as many people as possible, forgive each other, share our wealth with the poor, and create a happy atmosphere. This is a reflection of the happiness that those who have successfully fasted in *Ramadhan* will feel on the Day of Judgement in the presence of God. Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in a *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam Muslim:

لِلصَّائِمِ فَرْحَتَانِ: فَرْحَةٌ عِنْدَ فِطْرِهِ، وَفَرْحَةٌ عِنْدَ لِقَاءِ رَبِّهِ

Which means: "There are two joys for the fasting person: the joy when he breaks his fast, and the joy when he meets his Lord."

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have recently undergone the 14th General Election. We thank Allah the Almighty that the transition of power went smoothly and safely. For the sake of our love for our religion and our country, let us accept this decision with open hearts.

Undoubtedly, during the past election campaign period, some of us have hurt others' feelings. Some feelings of hostility even remain until now. Let us take the opportunity on this Eid to mend the relationships that may be a little bit tense. Indeed, it is extremely

unfortunate for Muslims to be divided, solely due to partisan politics. Celebrate differences, but at the same time, respect brotherhood.

This is the best time for us to play our role in developing our nation. We must ensure that Islam as the religion of the federation is upheld through empowering the role of mosques, giving charity, strengthening the economy, improving education, and upholding Islamic law (*Sharia*).

Be aware that each of us has his own roles and responsibilities in safeguarding the purity of our faith as a Muslim. We also have a role to safeguard the sovereignty of Islam as the religion of the federation whether we are among the rulers or the opposition. Therefore, we need to be loyal to the command of His Royal Highness the Regent of Pahang who wants all the elected representatives, regardless of political affiliation, to work together to defend the future of the people in the state.

Allah the Almighty mentioned in the Quran in Chapter 8 (Surah Al-Anfal), verse (*ayat*) 46:

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ وَأَصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾

Which means: *And obey Allah and His Messenger; and fall into no disputes, lest ye lose heart and your power depart; and be patient and persevering: For Allah is with those who patiently persevere:*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In creating a pious community, *Ramadhan* has also taught us to always speak the truth. While the primary act of worship in *Ramadhan* is to leave food and drink during the day, we are also required to avoid defamation and lies during *Ramadhan* and beyond. In conjunction with this month of *Shawal*, let us avoid the defamatory culture of creating false news that may cause anxiety or offend others. Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in a *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam Bukhari:

مَنْ لَمْ يَدَعْ قَوْلَ الزُّورِ وَالْعَمَلَ بِهِ وَالْجَهْلَ فَلَيْسَ لِلَّهِ حَاجَةٌ أَنْ يَدَعَ
طَعَامَهُ وَشَرَابَهُ

Which means: "Whoever does not give up forged speech and evil actions, Allah is not in need of his leaving his food and drink (i.e. Allah will not accept his fasting.)"

In addition, let us strive to appreciate the contribution of other Muslims no matter how small. Islam teaches us to thank each other. In upholding justice avoid revenge and blind obsession to individuals. Prophet Muhammad reminded us in a *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam al-Bukhari:

لَا تَحْقِرَنَّ مِنَ الْمَعْرُوفِ شَيْئًا، وَلَوْ أَنْ تُفْرِغَ لِلْمُسْتَسْقِي مِنْ دَلْوِكَ فِي
إِنَائِهِ، أَوْ تُكَلِّمَ أَخَاكَ وَوَجْهَكَ مُنْبَسِطٌ

Which means: *Do not scorn anything correct, even pouring water from your bucket into the bucket of someone else who asks you for water or talking to your brother with a happy face.*

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وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

Which means: "And hold fast, all together, by the rope which Allah (stretches out for you), and be not divided among yourselves;"

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ. وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ. وَتَقَبَّلَ اللهُ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُوا اللهُ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ