

THE KING: ADMIRER BY THE PEOPLE

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أَحْمَدُ لِلّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّهِ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ
وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللّهُ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praise be to Allah the Almighty, we are grateful to Allah the Almighty because, with His bounty, the people of this blessed state of Pahang can enjoy a peaceful and prosperous life. Therefore, we must preserve it and hope that the blessings of peace, tranquility and prosperity will always last. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 14 (*Surah Ibrahim*), verse (*ayat*) 7:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّتْ رِبُّكُمْ لِيَن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلِيَن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ ﴿٧﴾

Which means: “Remember that He promised, “If you are thankful, I will give you more, but if you are thankless, My punishment is terrible indeed.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praise be to Allah the Almighty, Pahang Darul Makmur is a very fortunate state because it is blessed with a Sultan who is highly admired and loved by all the people, namely His Majesty the Yang Dipertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Al Marhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al Mustain Billah.

His Majesty the Sultan is a King who is always concerned about the well-being and welfare of his subjects. His people-oriented wisdom can be seen in his willingness to make surprise visits to his subjects, especially in matters involving religion, welfare and the well-being of the people. His close relationship to his subjects proves that the old adage “the Ruler and His Subjects are Inseparable” (*Raja dan Rakyat Berpisah Tiada*) is true.

Therefore, as residents of Pahang, it is our responsibility to always be obedient and respectful to our Sultan or leader. The Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) said in a *Hadith* narrated by Imam Bukhari and Muslim: *From Abu*

Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him), the Prophet (PBUH) said: Who obeys me obeys God, and who disobeys me disobeys God. Who obeys the commander obeys me, and who disobeys the commander disobeys me.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we all know, July 30, 1959 is a historic date for Pahang Darul Makmur because it is our Sultan's date of birth. Let us pray that his Majesty lives a long and healthy life, remains steadfast in ruling the state and is granted mercy and protection from Allah the Almighty. Let us all be reminded of a verse (*ayat*) in the Quran, in Chapter 4 (*Surah An-Nisa*) verse 59:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

Which means: “You who believe, obey God and the Messenger, and those in authority among you...”

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