

## SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION

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(In conjunction with Hari Hol Pahang)

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ

أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

**Dear brothers and sisters**

The annual Hari Hol Pahang on May 22 is held to commemorate the death of the late Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah al-Mustain Billah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Abu Bakar Riayatuddin Al-Muadzam Shah and to remember his services and

contributions to the religion, the people and the state of Pahang. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 22 (surah al-Haj) verse 41:

الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ  
وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٤١﴾

**Which means:** “*They are those who, if established in the land by Us, would perform prayer, pay alms-tax, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil. And with Allah rests the outcome of all affairs.*”

This verse explains that the responsibilities and terms of being an Islamic leader is to safeguard the sovereignty of Islam by calling people to perform prayers and pay tithe (*zakat*) as well as implement the commands of enjoining good and forbidding wrong (*makruf and nahi mungkar*). This is the main function of the Royal Institution in our country. The role of Tuanku Sultan as the head of religion and the ruling king in this country is to uphold the sovereignty of Islam and the interests of Muslims and the people as a whole.

The Royal Institution as caliphs on this earth, also plays a role in carrying out the trust of Allah the Almighty by spreading Islam through inviting people to believe in Allah and His Messenger and to do what Allah the Almighty commands and leave what He forbids so as to be elevated by Him. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 6 (surah al-An'am) verse 165:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ خَلِيفَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَكُمْ فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ  
دَرَجَاتٍ لِيَبْلُوكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ سَرِيعُ الْعِقَابِ وَإِنَّهُ لَغَفُورٌ  
رَّحِيمٌ

**Which means:** “He is the One Who has placed you as successors on earth and elevated some of you in rank over others, so He may test you with what He has given you. Surely your Lord is swift in punishment, but He is certainly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

Let us be thankful for being blessed with a peaceful life without major disputes. The stability and peace enjoyed by the people in this state and country is because we are ruled by the Institution of a sovereign King. We are also grateful that our state is still governed under the patronage of His Majesty al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah al-Musta'in Billah.

We must protect our country as an Islamic country so that it is not taken over by the enemies of Islam. Therefore, we must maintain and safeguard the Royal Institution in order for it to continue ruling our country so that sovereignty of Islam is preserved.

This was the kind of governance made by the prophets when they were sent as Messengers to lead a country. It was also implemented by Prophet Sulaiman

Alaihi Salam. He became a great ruler who was able to command mother nature other than humans. In fact, many rulers of other kingdoms converted to Islam because of the sovereignty he possessed and likewise the reign of Sultan Salahuddin al-Ayyubi was able to defeat the Crusaders and liberate Baitul Maqdis during his time. Remember that sovereignty will only be obtained if the country is governed with truth, fairness and free from lust. Reflect upon what Allah the Almighty says :in chapter 38 )surah Sod( verse 26

يٰۤاٰدٰوٓدُ اِنَّا جَعَلْنٰكَ خَلِيْفَةً فِى الْاَرْضِ فَاَحْكُم بَيْنَ النَّاسِ بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعِ  
 الْهَوٰى فَيُضِلَّكَ عَنْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ اِنَّ الَّذِيْنَ يَضِلُّوْنَ عَنْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ لَهُمْ  
 عَذَابٌ شَدِيْدٌۢ بِمَا نَسُوْا يَوْمَ الْحِسَابِ ﴿٢٦﴾

*Which means: O David! We have surely made you an authority in the land, so judge between people with truth. And do not follow your desires or they will lead you astray from Allah's Way. Surely those who go astray from Allah's Way will suffer a severe punishment for neglecting the Day of Reckoning."*

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

Let us reflect for a moment on how important is the role of the Royal Institution in our beloved country and state. Protect the sovereignty of the Royal Institution in accordance with our position in society. Ponder upon what Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam said in a hadith narrated by Imam Abu Daud:

**Which means:** “It is out of glorification of Allah, Almighty, to honor the grey-haired (old) muslim, and the bearer of the Qur’an who neither exaggerates concerning it nor neglects it, and to honor the just ruler.”

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 4 (surah an-Nisa) verse 59:

يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِيَ الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِن  
نَنزَعْنَم فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِن كُنتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ﴿٥٩﴾

**Which means:** O believers! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. Should you disagree on anything, then refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you truly believe in Allah and the Last Day. This is the best and fairest resolution.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْءَانِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ

المُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ

المُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.