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## ISLAMIC SOVEREIGNTY

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

أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ 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 وَأُوصِيكُمْ 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 because only with righteousness will we get the blessings of Allah the Almighty in this world and in the hereafter.



## Dear brothers and sisters

Islam is the greatest gift and grace bestowed by Allah the Almighty to mankind. Islam is a complete religion and not just a religion in the form of religious ceremonies but it is a way of life. Only Islam is accepted by Allah the Almighty as stated in chapter 3 (Surah Ali Imran) verse 85:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَسِرِينَ

**Which means:** “*Whoever seeks a way other than Islam, it will never be accepted from them, and in the Hereafter they will be among the losers.*”

Islamic law has been practised for a long time in our country Malaysia. History has proven that the Islamic sultanate governments that ruled the Malay Peninsular, ruled according to Islamic law. Among the written evidences are those that appear in the Law of Pahang, the Law of Melaka, and the Inscribed Stone of Terengganu (*Batu Bersurat*) as well as other evidences.

## Dear brothers and sisters

Muslims today are subjected to endless insults due to the attitude of some Muslims who no longer care about Islamic law; let alone defend it. They just quietly watch Islam being attacked from all sides by anti-Islamic groups such as the Liberal Islamic groups, Sisters In Islam, Apostate Malay Organizations, the Interfaith Commission (IFC) which gives the right to freedom of religion including for Muslims and others.



These groups take full advantage of the negligence of Muslims. It is true as what was stated by Allah the Almighty in chapter 2 (Surah al-Baqarah) verse 109:

وَدَّ كَثِيرٌ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوْ يَرُدُّونَكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ إِيمَانِكُمْ كُفَّارًا حَسَدًا مِّنْ عِنْدِ أَنفُسِهِمْ مِّنْ  
بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْحَقُّ ۗ

**Which means:** *“Many among the People of the Book wish they could turn you believers back to disbelief because of their envy, after the truth has been made clear to them. Pardon and bear with them until Allah delivers His decision. Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything.”*

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

Among the threats faced by Muslims in this country is the effort to prevent Islam from being enforced even to Muslims themselves. They act to interfere in Islamic religious matters and the country's judicial system just so to submit to their wants. This is executed by dragging matters of religion and God's decree to be tried in the Civil Court which is not based on religion. This is a violation of Islamic law that had been established by Allah the Almighty in the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet (pbuh).

أَفَحُكْمَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ يَبْغُونَ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حُكْمًا لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ

**Which means:** *"Do they then seek the judgement of (the days of) ignorance? And who is better in judgement than Allah for a people who have firm faith?"*

Our National Constitution has established Islam as the Federal Religion and religious affairs are placed under the jurisdiction of the state under the auspices of the Malay Rulers. Any form of violation of the administration of Religious Affairs is an



act of disobedience to the king and sultan who rule the states. It should also be noted that, according to Article 121 (1A) of the Federal Constitution, the Civil Court has no authority over matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the Syariah Court.

We also hope that the authorities act firmly to protect the sanctity of Islam in this country by not allowing our religion and all its institutions to be ridiculed and disputed by anti-Islamic groups. Let us and all Muslim leaders spread da'wah so that non-Muslims understand Islam and receive guidance from Allah the Almighty. Muslim leaders should be excellent role models to non-Muslims by avoiding corruption and being virtuous.

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

Recently, we not only face the siege of enemies from outside but we are also struggling with the internal diseases of the Muslims themselves. It is found that immorality/adultery is committed among Muslims without them feeling any shame. Not only do they entertain but they also conduct heinous parties without any sense of sin and guilt. They do not care at all about the Prophet's (pbuh) warning in a hadith narrated by Ibnu Majah:

لَمْ تَظْهَرِ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي قَوْمٍ قَطُّ حَتَّى يُعْلِنُوا بِهَا إِلَّا فَشَا فِيهِمُ الطَّاعُونَ وَالْأَوْجَاعُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَكُنْ  
مَضَتْ فِي أَسْلَافِهِمُ الَّذِينَ مَضَوْا.

**Which means:** “*If immodesty/immorality should become widespread, you should realise that this has never happened without new diseases befalling the people which their forebears never suffered.*”



This situation happens because the Islamic Sharia (Islamic law) has not spread through into the individual, the family and it has not been fully implemented in our Muslim society.

Therefore, let us deepen our religious knowledge by attending religious gatherings in mosques and suraus, reading the Quran daily, attending congregational prayers in mosques with family members, relatives and close friends because Muslims who understand their religion, who read a lot of the word of God and who have close relationship with their creator are the only ones who are able to stand up to defend the sovereignty of the Sharia and the purity of Islam.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 45 (surah al-Jathiyah) verse 18:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاكَ عَلَىٰ شَرِيعَةٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ فَاتَّبِعْهَا وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

**Which means:** “Now We have set you O Prophet on the clear Way of faith. So follow it, and do not follow the desires of those who do not know the truth.”

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

الرَّحِيمِ