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أَلْحَمْدُ 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،

فَيَا 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. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

January 30th, 2024 marks the official date of completion of the reign of His Majesty Sultan Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah as the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong. His Majesty held the reins of sovereignty for a full five years effective on 31st January 2019. During those five years,



His Majesty had performed his duties and responsibilities as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Head of State of Malaysia with excellence, dedication, fairness and prudence. With the expiration of His Majesty's reign at the Royal Palace (Istana Negara), Tuanku Sultan has now returned to Pahang Darul Makmur as the Sultan and King ruling the state of Pahang and all its subordinate colonies.

In conjunction with this return, let us appreciate the role of a Malay king in leading the state and nation as well as the people towards prosperity and dignifying Islam as the official religion.

Dear brothers and sisters,

The holy book Al-Quran has given us guidance that the throne, power and reigns of government are a form of gift from Allah the Almighty to whomsoever He wills. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah Ali Imran) verse 26:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَلِكُ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُنْزِلُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِإِذْنِكَ
الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ٢٦

Which means: “Say, O Prophet, “O Allah! Lord over all authorities! You give authority to whoever You please and remove it from who You please; You honour whoever You please and disgrace who You please—all good is in Your Hands. Surely You alone are Most Capable of everything.”



In relation to this verse, books of tafsir (a body of commentary and explication, aimed at explaining the meanings of the Qur'an, the central religious text of Islam) explains that Allah the Almighty is the Most Powerful in this universe and the Most Wise who chooses among the people He wants to be blessed with glory and vice versa. Allah the Almighty bestows the power of sovereignty, including to the apostles, prophets and kings. Granting power and taking away power is effortless for Allah the Almighty in accordance with the name '*Malik al-Mulk*' which means the owner of all ownership and control.

Dear brothers and sisters,

As commoners, we should be loyal to Tuanku Sultan who was chosen by Allah the Almighty as the Sultan who rules this state. Obedience to the Tuanku Sultan is a big command in Islam based on what Allah the Almighty says in chapter 4 (surah an-Nisa) verse 59:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِن تَنَزَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَذُودُوهُ 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.”*



Obedying the leader is compulsory except for a leader who is cruel or a leader who commands immorality. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim:

عَلَى الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ فِيمَا أَحَبَّ وَكَرِهَ، إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمَرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ، فَإِنْ أُمِرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ، فَلَا سَمْعَ وَلَا طَاعَةَ

Which means: *“A Muslim must hear and obey, in things they like or dislike, unless they are ordered to commit sin. If ordered to commit a sin, they must neither hear nor obey (the Muslims charged with authority).”*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah), we are blessed with Malay kings who are people-minded including our Tuanku Sultan. His Majesty is always concerned with the problems faced by the people and often goes to the field to see the plight of people in the state of Pahang including Sabah and Sarawak. His Majesty is the head of Islam in this country. His Majesty acts as a protective stronghold of Islamic religious sovereignty. His Majesty's wisdom played a role in resolving the political crisis and economic progress in this state and country.

His Majesty is also a pillar of justice, a pillar of unity, a symbol of the people's unity and a guardian of the nation's heritage. A Malay proverb says:

“Raja bertakhta, raja disembah”



The word 'worshipped' in this proverb does not ask us to worship the king as we worship God, but the people are responsible for undivided loyalty to the king and to defend the royal institution from any threat.

May His Majesty the Sultan of Pahang be blessed with words of blessings and wisdom, may he rule with the light of guidance and may he be in a straight path and always receive guidance and courage from Allah the Almighty as the ruling King in this state.

Let us pray that our state and country will always be blessed with prosperity and peace under the ruling umbrella of honourable Malay kings. "Dirgahayu, Tuanku."

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 32 (surah As-Sajdah) verse 24:

تَأْعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أئِمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَّا صَبَرُوا وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُوقِنُونَ ٢٤

Which means: “*And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our command when they were patient and [when] they were certain of Our signs.*”

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 الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.