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HARI HOL PAHANG

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اَخْمَدُ لِلهِ نَحَمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَعْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ

سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَن يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلاَ مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَن يُضْلِلْ فَلاَ هَادِيَ لَهُ.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَآ اِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أُمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ الله، إِتَّقُوْا اللهَ وَأُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ، 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 forgiven in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May 22nd is Pahang Darul Makmur's *Hari Hol. Hari Hol* was declared in 1974 as a day to commemorate the death of the fourth Sultan of

Pahang, the late Sultan Abu Bakar. Since then, *Hari Hol* has been declared a public holiday for the state of Pahang, which was every 7 May. In 2020, Hari Hol was changed to 22 May to commemorate the death anniversary of the late Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, the fifth Sultan of Pahang.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The king is a leader who is responsible as a caliph on the Earth to lead people justly. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 6 (*Surah Al-An'am*) verse (*ayat*) 165:

Which means: "It is He who made you successors on the earth and raises some of you above others in rank, to test you through what He gives you. [Prophet], your Lord is swift in punishment, yet He is most forgiving and merciful."

The Sultan as king and ruler is also the head of religion in the state. In the Constitution of the State of Pahang, Article 24 (1) clearly states that the head of religion shall be the ruling Sultan with the power from time to time to enact any appropriate laws to regulate Islamic religious affairs. This long history and tradition was further strengthened by the oath of the Malay kings to protect the religion of Islam when they are inaugurated as sultans.

In *Kitab Al-Ahkam As-Sultaniyyah*, *Al-Qadhi* Abu Ya'la has emphasized that the existence of a leader is a societal obligation because if leadership does not exist, there will be no resolution of debates and disputes. So, as the people, we should be grateful to Allah the Almighty for being able to live in this country in peace and prosperity, blessed with stability and unity under the rule of the Malay kings who care for their subjects. Kings play a very important role as a symbol of unity in ensuring that the religion of Islam and its institutions continue to be strengthened.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us recall the services of the late Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, who was well known as a king who placed importance on Islamic religious affairs, education, state administration and the welfare of his subjects. His Majesty strived to maintain the Islamic teachings which can be seen through his efforts in building mosques, religious schools, universities and even religious study centers such as *maahad tahfiz*, Islamic boarding schools, etc.

His Majesty was very concerned about his subjects and often met them face to face by visiting them as soon as he received news of disasters such as floods, fires, etc. This noble quality was also inherited by his son and grandson. This is why the Pahang Royal Family is so dear to the hearts of the people of this state.

This *Hari Hol* reminds us of death. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 67 (*Surah Al-Mulk*) verse (*ayat*) 2:

Which means: "He is the One who created death and life to test you [people] and reveal which of you does best—He is the Mighty, the Forgiving;"

When a person dies, everything in his previous life is cut off. Wife, children, siblings, family members, friends and possessions are all left behind. Only good deeds that were done during his life in the world are brought with him in addition to the prayers of pious children. As surviving heirs, let us all pray for forgiveness, well-being and grace for the souls of our parents who have gone forever. Prepare ourselves with knowledge and good deeds; and educate our children to be pious because that is the only thing that can help us in the afterlife as the Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

Which means: "When a son of Adam (i.e. any human being) dies his deeds are discontinued, with three exceptions: Sadaqah, whose benefit

is continuous; or knowledge from which benefit continues to be reaped, or a righteous child who supplicates for him."

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In conjunction with Pahang's *Hari Hol*, let us together pray to Allah to grant forgiveness and mercy to the late Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah and to place him among the pious servants in Paradise, Ameen.

Let us take heed of the warning from Allah the Almighty in the Quran in Chapter 3 (*Surah Ali Imran*), verse (*ayat*) 185:

كُلُّ نَفْسِ ذَآيِقَةُ ٱلْمَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا ثُوَقَوْنَ أُجُورَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقَيْمَةِ فَقَدْ فَارَ الْقِيمَةِ فَمَن زُحْزِحَ عَنِ ٱلنَّارِ وَأَدْخِلَ ٱلجُنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَارَ وَمَا ٱلْحَيَوٰةُ ٱلدُّنْيَآ إِلَّا مَتَعُ ٱلْغُرُورِ ﴿