



1	 <p style="text-align: center;">MAY ALLAH'S GRACES BE WITH HIS MAJESTY (In conjunction with SPB Yang DiPertuan Agong's Birthday Celebration) 3 June 2016AD /27 Syaaban 1437H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">الحمد لله الذي علم وأنعم، وهدانا بالقرآن للتي هي أقوم،</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;">قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أُمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ فِعْلَ الْخَيْرَاتِ وَإِقَامَ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءَ الزَّكَاةِ وَكَانُوا لَنَا عَابِدِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾</p>
4	<p style="text-align: center;">أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ.</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;">أَمَّا بَعْدُ، يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, In this life filled with faith-challenging events, let us strive to increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT. Be steadfast in performing matters that are approved by Allah SWT and in staying away from things that may invite His wrath. May we obtain true success in this world and in the Hereafter.</p>
8	<p>In conjunction with the birthday celebration of the Fourteenth (14th) Seri</p>



	Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, the title of the sermon to be delivered on this blessed day is <i>“May Allah’s Graces Be With His Majesty”</i> .
9	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Leadership was initially given to the prophets and the apostles, as stated by Allah SWT in surah Al-Anbiya’ verse 73, which was read at the beginning of this sermon just now, with the following meanings: <i>“And We made them leaders, guiding (men) by Our Command, and We sent them inspiration to do good deeds, to establish regular prayers, and to practice regular charity; and they constantly served Us (and Us only).”</i>
10	History has shown that when the leader of all Prophets breathed his last, the Companions thought long and hard about who should rightfully take over his leadership. It was because leadership, or the Caliphate, has a heavy responsibility attached to it, namely to safeguard the interest of Islam, the nation and all its followers.
11	Saidina Abu Bakar, Umar, Uthman and Ali R.Anhum we seen as among the Caliphs who had managed to portray the greatness of Islam at one point in time. The same also goes for the Caliphs who came after them, who had strived to expand the area to preach the message of <i>dakwah</i> and the influence of Islam, to the point that Islam had spread to at least one third of the known world at that time.
12	In line with the expansion of Islam, the same also goes for its leadership which may be divided into several periods and regions. After the fall of the Islamic Caliphate with the last Caliph, namely Sultan Abdul Hamid the Second (2 nd) with his seat in Turkey, the sovereignty of Islam now rests with the administrators of each region. Until today, this is the best way for us to ensure the continuity of the Islamic Caliphate which has been abolished.
13	This reality must be understood through Article 3 of the Federal Constitution of Malaysia, which states that Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong is the Head of Islam for The Federal Territories and for the states of



	Malacca, Penang, Sabah and Sarawak. While for the other states the Head of Islam is the Sultan, or the Ruler, of the respective states.
14	Therefore, the position of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong as the head of the nation, and of Islam, involves the undertaking of a very heavy responsibility. This is contained in the oath of office of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, namely when it is proclaimed <i>Wallahi, Wabillahi, Watallahi</i> to preserve the sanctity of Islam at all times. As Head of the Nation, His Majesty is responsible to provide a just and fair rule over all his subjects.
15	Indeed, efforts to ensure justice for all mankind is part of conviction. Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Maaidah verse 8: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ ءَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا ءَاعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ
16	Which means: “O, you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah, as witnesses to fair dealing, and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is next to piety: and fear Allah. For Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do.”
17	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Nevertheless, of late, there have been many efforts made by certain parties to undermine Islam’s position and the position of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong. Reckless acts and uncouth voices which promote acts of religious liberalism and pluralism are heard in the mass media and in programmes held in the name of human rights. Among what they do is they try to present in the Federal Court what they allege to be the so-called ‘proper interpretation’ of Article 3 of the Federal Constitution (which declares Islam as the Federation’s Religion and the position of the Malay Rulers as the Head of Religion in their respective States), as being merely ceremonial.



18	Article 121(1A) is also interpreted as giving power to the civil High Courts to revise and to change the decision of the Syariah Courts. They publicize that the Syariah legal system can be set aside or revised by the civil High Courts based on civil laws, and that Syariah Courts do not have their basis under the Constitution to be at par with the civil Courts.
19	They also wish to see all religions treated the same. It is their aim to erase the sanctity of Islam from all aspects of life, and from our nation's administration. In fact, they demand for all religions to have the same right to spread their faith, including towards Muslims.
20	They want Article 11(4) of the Federal Constitution to be abolished, namely for the Federal Government or the State Government to have no right whatsoever to give any special attention towards Islam. This would mean that any budget for the development of Islam would be against the practice of a democratic nation and the government should also provide budget allocation for the activities of other religions if Islamic activities are to be given budget allocation.
21	They, with their human rights slogans, are fighting for the right for Muslims to think freely, to the point that everyone would be free to be apostates without any control of the religious authorities, and there should be no punishment for that too. In fact all founders and followers of deviant teachings are free to follow and practice their beliefs.
22	They want all Muslims to be ignorant of the teachings Islam, and are to be given the right to interpret the Al-Quran based on their own understanding. Besides that, they hope that the Fatwa Institution would be abolished from the States' Administration Enactments, as they believe the body to be against the spirit of the Constitution, as if it is a third legislative body after the State Legislative Assembly and the Parliament.
23	They demand that a more modern, liberal and progressive interpretation and approach be used, and in fact they consider a person's faith, belief and the way it is practiced are private in nature and should not be dealt with by any authority.



24	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>As citizens who profess Islam, we should be united under Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong to face all the trials and tribulations heaped by them, in our quest to protect the sanctity of Islam and to strengthen the position of Yang Di-Pertuan Agong as the main protector of the religion of Islam in Malaysia.</p>
25	<p>Among the things that we should do as citizens of Malaysia to prove our allegiance to Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong are:</p> <p>First: Safeguard the position of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong as the leader of the religion of Islam and the nation. If there are those who wish to disturb the position of Yang di-Pertuan Agong, we, as citizens, should step forward and be part of the nation's guardians to protect His Majesty' position.</p>
26	<p>Second: Obey each command of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong. His Majesty has put forth many useful advice and commands as guidance for everyone. Therefore, as his loyal subjects, we must obey each of His Majesty's commands.</p>
27	<p>In fact, Rasulullah SAW had already advised us, in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari, as reported by Nafi' bin 'Abdillah RA:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ عَلَى الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ فِيمَا أَحَبَّ وَكَرِهَ مَا لَمْ يُؤْمَرْ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ فَإِذَا أُمِرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ فَلَا سَمْعَ وَلَا طَاعَةَ</p>
28	<p>Which means: “It is compulsory to hear and to obey a Muslim leader in matters that we like and that we don't like, so long as we are not commanded to sin, but when we are commanded to sin, then we can no longer hear and obey it.”</p>
29	<p>Third: Not to desecrate the Ruler's institution with slogans that would defile the image of Islam, the nation and citizens.</p>



	<p>Fourth: To supplicate for the health, emotional and mental wellbeing of Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong while he presides over the nation's affairs. May the graces of Allah SWT be with His Majesty at all times when he breathes, speaks and acts.</p>
30	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>To conclude the sermon today, the <i>mimbar</i> would like to remind all who are here today of the following:</p> <p>First: Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong is the mainstay of our Religion, Race and Nation.</p> <p>Second: Let us beware that many forms of threats are spread against the position of Islam and against Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong.</p> <p>Third: The people must be together with Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong in preserving the position and the rights of Islam.</p>
31	<p>Understand and ponder upon the words of Allah SWT in Surah Al-An'aam, verse 165:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْخَلْقَ الْأَرْضِ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَكُمْ فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ دَرَجَاتٍ لِيَبْلُوكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ سَرِيعُ الْعِقَابِ وَإِنَّهُ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٦٥﴾</p>
32	<p>Which means: “And He it is who has made you successors in the land and raised some of you above others by (various) grades, that He might try you by what He has given you; surely your Lord is quick to requite (evil), and He is most surely the Forgiving, the Merciful.”</p>



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بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ
الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ
اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ
مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.