

## **Unofficial Translation Press Release from Istana Negara**

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It has been informed that the KDYMM Seri His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah has reviewed the proposal which has been presented by the YAB Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin during a meeting with him at Abdul Aziz Palace, Kuantan, Pahang last Friday (October 23, 2020).

The proposal is to implement a state of emergency under Article 150 (1) and Proclamation of Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance 2020 under Article 150 (2B) of the Federal Constitution to combat COVID-19 in the country. After reviewing the proposal and having a discussion with the other rulers while considering the current state of the country, Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah is of the opinion that the government has been handling the COVID-19 crisis in an effective manner.

His Majesty strongly believes in the competence of the Government under YAB Prime Minister 's leadership to continue enforcing strong policies and regulations in line with curbing COVID-19. Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah thinks that there is no need at this time for His Majesty to declare a state of emergency in this country or any part of Malaysia.

Having said that, His Majesty would like to remind politicians to immediately stop "politicking" which could negatively affect the stability of the federal government. Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah also feels that there is no need for the Members of Parliament to continue acting irresponsibly to the extent of disrupting the stability of the current government.

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His Majesty stressed that the 2021 National Budget which will be tabled in Parliament is very important to all Malaysians in combatting COVID-19 and for the sake of economic recovery. Thus, the allocation of funds is crucial for the front-liners to continue executing their duties and responsibilities.

Indeed, Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah understands the concerns of the people as a result of the emergence of several new clusters and the rise in daily COVID-19 positive cases in this country. Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah is confident that in the spirit of unity and determination which have been projected in the past, we can again join hands to fight the third wave of the pandemic.

In this regard, His Majesty has called on everyone, regardless of background and political ideologies, to set aside all differences, unite and play their respective roles in helping the Government and authorities to curb the outbreak of COVID19 for the sake of public safety and the harmony of this country we love together. Al-Sultan Abdullah has also taken this opportunity to encourage everyone to continue praying for this COVID-19 pandemic to be eradicated effectively immediately.

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