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**TITAH OF
HIS MAJESTY SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH MU'IZZADDIN WADDAULAH IBNI
AL-MARHUM SULTAN HAJI OMAR 'ALI SAIFUDDIEN SA'ADUL KHAIRI WADDIEN,
THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN
1440 HIJRIAH / 2019 MASIHI**

**AT ISTANA NURUL IMAN
30th SYA'BAN 1440 / 5th MEI 2019**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakaatuh

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem
Alhamdulillah Rabbil 'Alameen,
Wabihee Nasta'eenu 'Alaa Umuuriddunya
Waddeen Wassalaatu Wassalaamu
'AlaaAsyrafil Mursaleen, Sayyidinaa
Muhammadin Wa'alaa 'Alihie Wasahbihee
Ajma'een, Waba'du.

Alhamdulillah, I am grateful to Allah SWT for his blessings that our country remains peaceful and prosperous.

Insy Allah, let it be with His blessings that we enter the holy month of Ramadhan.

As we approach the holy month of Ramadhan, I would like to wish you all much blessings in performing the fast, which is one of the pillars of Islam.

Let us pray to Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala for our continuous good health and well-being so that we can perform our obligation during the month of Ramadhan in comfort and happiness.

As we are all aware, Brunei Darussalam has begun to fully implement the Syariah Penal Code Order, 2013 (SPCO) on 3 April 2019. This is our religious obligation to Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala as an Islamic country.

The aim of implementing the law is to uphold the objectives of Syariah which are to protect religion, life, lineage, property and intellect.

I am aware that there are many questions and misperceptions with regard to the implementation of the SPCO. We have given clarification to this. We are conscious of the fact that misperceptions may cause apprehension. However, we believe that once these have been cleared, the merit of the law will be evident.

There should not be any concern on the Syariah law as it is full of Allah's mercy and blessings. Allah, the provider of blessings, will never bestow upon us laws meant to inflict cruelty on others. As evident for more than two decades, we have practiced a de facto moratorium on the execution of death penalty for cases under the common law. This will also be applied to cases under the SPCO which provides a wider scope for remission.

In upholding our international commitments and obligations on human rights, Brunei Darussalam will be ratifying the United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT). Both the common law and the Syariah law aim to ensure peace and harmony of the country. They are also crucial in protecting the morality and decency of the public as well as respecting the privacy of individuals.

With the righteous intent of implementing this law, may Allah bless us and our country with this holy month of Ramadhan.

Wabillahit Taufeq Walhidayah, Wassalamu 'Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

The Prime Minister's Office was established on 1st January 1984 on the resumption of full independence and sovereignty of Brunei Darussalam. His Majesty Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Wadaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, announced a six-member Cabinet led by His Majesty himself who was concurrently Prime Minister, Home Affairs Minister and Finance Minister. [Read More](#)

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