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lastly, Delegates and Observers who are bestowed with the blessings of Allah.

A. INTRODUCTION

I extend a warm “*Ahlan Wa Sahlan Wa Marhaban Bikum*”, Welcome and Best Wishes for the Mukhtar to all delegates, observers and respected guests who have graced the 70th PAS Annual Mukhtar, held this year in the state of Pahang Darul Makmur.

PAS emerged from the *islah* and *tajdid* movements, born in response to the weakening of the Muslim community, which led to the loss of political power, the onset of colonization by foreign powers, and the challenges that followed in the aftermath of their departure.

Despite these obstacles, PAS continues to advance through a democratic approach as well as mature and prosperous political culture. This success is due to the failures of ideologies and the inherent weaknesses of man-made laws, which are unable to mask their falsehoods and deceptions.

As a result, PAS now holds the most seats in both Parliament and the State Legislative Assemblies (DUN), governs four states, and came close to capturing two more, with representation in nearly all states.

Today, Muslims are progressing, establishing Islam as the official religion of the federation and forging a Malay national identity deeply intertwined with Islam.

B. THEME OF MUKTAMAR: "ISLAM IS THE SOLUTION"

As a result of the weaknesses inherent in the ideologies left by colonial powers, the world is now facing a humanitarian crisis, that spans from the individual, family, and community levels to the national and international stages, affecting all aspects of life, including the environment.

This crisis stems from humanity's heedlessness of its own inherent weaknesses as creatures, even as it yearns for the divine guidance that only Islam can provide. Therefore, this year's muktamar emphasizes the theme: **"ISLAM IS THE SOLUTION."**

Allah SWT poses a question for people to ponder:

أَفَغَيْرَ دِينِ اللَّهِ يَبْغُونَ وَلَهُ أَسْلَمَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
طَوْعًا وَكَرْهًا وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾

"Are they, then, seeking a religion other than that of Allah, while to Him alone submit all those in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwilling, and to Him they shall be returned?"

Surah Ali 'Imran: 83

The term Islam here is derived from the word ‘al-din’ as used in the language of the Quran, rather than from the narrow and imperfect concept of ‘religion.’ Islam is the perfect guidance from God for humanity in all aspects of life.

Allah SWT affirms this in the Quran:

...الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي
وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا... ﴿٣﴾

“...Today, I have perfected your religion for you, and have completed My blessing upon you, and chosen Islam as Din (religion and a way of life) for you...”

Surah al-Ma'idah: 3

C. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Islam has successfully guided human beings within a multi-ethnic society, characterized by diverse abilities, talents, and natural resources, through knowledge and *tarbiah* that are deeply connected to Allah, the Creator of the universe.

Therefore, it is imperative to reevaluate the systems of education, media, and dawah to ensure a comprehensive human development that aligns with the principles of Islam. The successful development of the early generation begins with the holistic education of the body, spirit, and mind, extending even to the language they use.

Allah SWT states in the Quran:

أَقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ﴿١﴾ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ﴿٢﴾
أَقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ﴿٣﴾ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ﴿٤﴾

“Read with the name of your Lord who created (everything). (1) He created man from a clot of blood. (2) Read, and your Lord is the most gracious, (3) who imparted knowledge by means of the pen. (4)”

Surah al-‘Alaq: 1-4

Allah SWT elaborates further in the Quran:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا بِلِسَانٍ قَوْمِهِ ۖ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَهُمْ فَيُضِلُّ
اللَّهُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١﴾

“We did not send any messenger but (speaking) in the language of his people, so that he might clearly convey the message to them. Then Allah leaves whoever He wills to stray and guides whoever He wills. And He is the Mighty, the Wise.”

Surah Ibrahim: 4

This verse highlights the importance of the national language to a particular nation in the aspect of knowledge, through education, dawah, and the media.

In the economic aspect, Allah has indeed endowed humanity with ample abilities, sustenance, and resources.

Moreover, Allah has assigned specific responsibilities to human beings based on their varying knowledge and abilities in managing the earth, ensuring they act justly and do not overstep their bounds. Allah SWT says in the Quran:

وَلَوْ بَسَطَ اللَّهُ الرِّزْقَ لِعِبَادِهِ لَبَغَوْا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنْ
يُنْزِلُ بِقَدَرٍ مَّا يَشَاءُ إِنَّهُ بِعِبَادِهِ خَبِيرٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٧﴾

"Should Allah expand the provision for His servants (to its full extent), they would spread mischief on earth; but He sends down what He wills in (due) measure. Surely, with regard to His slaves, He is All-Aware, Ever-Watchful. (27)"

Surah al-Shura: 27

D. CAUSES OF VALUE CRISIS

The crisis that devastates human life has arisen as a consequence of human actions. People have abandoned Allah's guidance and created their own rules, exceeding the limits of their limited intellect and violating the boundaries of human nature established by Allah. Allah SWT affirms in the Quran:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُعْجِبُكَ قَوْلُهُ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيُشْهَدُ اللَّهَ
عَلَىٰ مَا فِي قَلْبِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ أَلَدُّ الْخِصَامِ ﴿٢٠٤﴾ وَإِذَا تَوَلَّىٰ سَعَىٰ فِي
الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ ۚ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ
الْفُسَادَ ﴿٢٠٥﴾

"Among men there is one whose speech, in this life, attracts you; he even makes Allah his witness on what is in his heart, while he is extremely quarrelsome. (204) Once he turns back, he moves about in the land trying to spread disorder in it, and to destroy the tillage and the stock; and Allah does not like disorder. (205)"

Surah al-Baqarah: 204-205

Some religious figures align themselves with ignorant and tyrannical leaders to distort the religion of Allah, while others invent their own religions. Additionally, there are those who create ideologies and theories that Allah has forbidden because it exceeds human capabilities. Allah SWT warns in the Quran:

أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ شَرَعُوا لَهُمْ مِّنَ الدِّينِ مَا لَمْ يَأْذَنَ بِهِ اللَّهُ
وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةُ الْفَصْلِ لَفُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ وَإِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ
أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢١﴾

"Is it that they have associate-gods who have prescribed for them a religion that is not sanctioned

by Allah? Had it not been for a decisive word, the matter would have been decided between them (here in this world). And of course, for the wrongdoers there is a painful punishment (in the Hereafter)."

Surah al-Shura: 21

We are living in a time when liars ascend to leadership, traitors are trusted, and the ignorant pose as knowledgeable. The Prophet PBUH foretold this when he warned:

إِنَّهَا سَتَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ سِنُونَ خَدَاعَةٍ، يُصَدَّقُ فِيهَا الْكَاذِبُ،
وَيُكَذَّبُ فِيهَا الصَّادِقُ، وَيُؤْتَمَنُ فِيهَا الْخَائِنُ، وَيُخَوَّنُ فِيهَا الْأَمِينُ،
وَيَنْطَقُ فِيهَا الرُّوَيْبِضَةُ. قِيلَ: وَمَا الرُّوَيْبِضَةُ؟ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ. قَالَ:
السَّفِيهَةُ يَتَكَلَّمُ فِي أَمْرِ الْعَامَّةِ.

"There will come to the people years of treachery, when the liar will be regarded as honest, and the honest man will be regarded as a liar; the traitor will be regarded as faithful, and the faithful man will be regarded as a traitor; and the Ruwaibidah will decide matters.' It was said, 'Who are the Ruwaibidah?' He said, 'Vile and base men who control the affairs of the people (causing damage)."

Ahmad, Musnad Ahmad, Musnad al-Mukthirin min al-Sahabah, 7912 and Ibn Majah, Sunan Ibn Majah, Kitab al-Fitan, 4036, from Abu Hurairah

This is particularly true when these behaviours are exhibited by those in positions of authority. As scholars have observed:

النَّاسُ عَلَى دِينِ مُلُوكِهِمْ.

“People follow the ways of their rulers.”

Ibn Kathir, al-Bidayah wa al-Nihayah, vol. 9, p. 186

Therefore, it is imperative to reflect on the state of nations today, which may be nearing their own destruction.

The deterioration began with the worsening political, economic, and social crises, marked by rising corruption and misconduct, and the failure to address increasing crime and immorality, which in turn have damaged public health and safety. This deterioration extends to the environmental crisis, where the reckless pursuit of material wealth and unchecked desires in all aspects of life have wreaked havoc on the climate and the quality of life.

Muslims must adhere to the role assigned by Allah, as instructed in His divine revelation:

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ
عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ... ﴿١١٠﴾

“You are the best ‘Ummah ever raised for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah...”

Surah Ali ‘Imran: 110

E. ISLAM-BASED POLITICAL SOLUTION

I. Visionary Politics

Allah has outlined a road map for governance in the Quran:

الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا
الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ
الْأُمُورِ ﴿٤١﴾

"(They are) those who, if established in the land by Us, would perform prayer, pay alms-tax, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil. And with Allah rests the outcome of all affairs."

Surah al-Hajj: 41

History has shown that Islam has transformed societies that began in barren lands with limited resources into thriving communities with abundance exceeding their needs. A society once marked by division and conflict was united in peace. The most ignorant of societies became the creators of an Islamic civilization that brought peace and serenity to all of humanity.

Islam was embraced by every society and country it entered as a saviour, not as a colonizer, and it governed the largest and most diverse empire in human history.

Islam succeeded in uniting its followers by directing them toward the same qibla and venerating the Black Stone (*Hajar al-Aswad*) in the sacred house of Allah (*Baitullah*) in Makkah, a city blessed with divine favour.

Yet today, some choose to rely on institutions such as BlackRock, follow the misguided direction of the White House, and seek financial aid from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). They should reflect on the words of Allah SWT:

وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ ءَامَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم
بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم
بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾

"If the people of the towns believed and feared Allah, We would have opened for them blessings from the heavens and the earth, but they disbelieved. So, We seized them because of what they used to earn for themselves."

Surah al-A'raf: 96

At the same time, domestic political tensions can be eased by adopting the Mature and Prosperous Political Culture (BPMS) approach, which prioritizes the nation's and people's interests. This will contribute to fostering greater political and economic stability, paving the way for a more prosperous future.

II. Blessed Economy

Unfortunately, when Islam is sidelined, the economic sphere becomes tainted by practices such as usury, gambling, and other aspects condemned by Allah, leading to the legalization of forbidden activities. Allah SWT warns in the Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَذَرُوا مَا بَقِيَ مِنَ الرِّبَا
 إِن كُنتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٧٨﴾ فَإِن لَّمْ تَفْعَلُوا فَأْذَنُوا بِحَرْبٍ مِّنَ
 اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۖ وَإِن تُبْتِغُوا فَلََكُمْ رَأْسُ أََمْوَالِكُمْ لَا
 تَظْلِمُونَ وَلَا تُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٧٩﴾

"O believers! Fear Allah, and give up outstanding interest if you are (true) believers. (278) But if you do not (give it up), then listen to the declaration of war from Allah and His Messenger. However, if you repent, yours is your principal. Neither wrong, nor be wronged. (279)"

Surah al-Baqarah: 278-279

The concept of blessing (*barakah*) is absent from human-made ideologies and theories. Without divine guidance, the natural resources bestowed by Allah do not serve their intended purpose for the people.

Instead, these resources are often wasted, exploited by colonizers or former colonizers, or circulated among groups involved in fraud and corruption, or mismanaged in a way that fails to benefit the country and its people. Allah SWT has decreed in the Quran:

مَا أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْقُرَى فَلِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ
وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ كَيْ
لَا يَكُونَ دُولَةً بَيْنَ الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ وَمَا آتَاكُمُ
الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ
اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٧﴾

“Whatever fai’ Allah has passed on to His Messenger from the people of the towns is for Allah and for the Messenger, and for the kinsmen and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, so that it may not circulate only between the rich among you. And whatever the Messenger gives you, take it, and whatever he forbids you from, abstain (from it). And fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is severe in punishment.”

Surah al-Hashr: 7

The rapid pace of economic activity among the people boosted income and created job opportunities. As a result, the Islamic government during its golden age did not

rely solely on raising taxes, which would have burdened the population and led to inflation. Instead, it effectively utilized resources like zakat and waqf to ensure equitable distribution of wealth.

III. Clean Governance

Islamic teachings rooted in faith foster ethical governance. This is not only regulated by the educational framework of Sharia law but also by the deep-seated faith in the hearts of believers, who are mindful of the consequences of sins and rewards in the hereafter. This ensures that the nation's resources are managed efficiently, preventing leakage and waste. Allah SWT states in the Quran:

وَلَا تَجْعَلْ يَدَكَ مَغْلُولَةً إِلَىٰ عُنُقِكَ وَلَا تَبْسُطْهَا كُلَّ
الْبَسْطِ فَتَقْعُدَ مَلُومًا مَّحْسُورًا ﴿٢٩﴾ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ
لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ بِعِبَادِهِ خَبِيرًا بَصِيرًا ﴿٣٠﴾

“And do not keep your hand tied to your neck, nor extend it to the full extent, lest you should be sitting reproached, empty-handed. (29) Indeed, your Lord expands sustenance for whomsoever He wills, and constricts (for whomsoever He wills). Surely, He is All-Aware of His servants, All-Seeing. (30)”

Surah al-Isra': 29-30

IV. Supremacy of Law

Sharia law effectively deters wrongdoing, successfully addressing issues of crime and immorality. However, current international law, which is supposed to safeguard human rights and protect against tyranny and extremism, has become as fragile as a spider's web—ensnaring only the small and the weak.

Thus, those who wage war and take innocent lives with supplied weapons are unfit to speak about human rights and democracy.

F. CONFRONTING CURRENT CHALLENGES

I. Overcoming Barriers to Implementing Islamic Law

PAS's efforts to promote Islamic solutions encounter substantial obstacles, even in the most clear-cut issues like the prohibition of gambling and alcohol. Furthermore, attempts to implement Sharia law are persistently thwarted by those advancing an agenda of Islamophobia, aimed at instilling fear of Islam among the public.

This tactic is reminiscent of the approach once employed by the adversaries of Islam in its early days. The disbelieving leaders of Mecca rejected divine guidance out of disbelief or doubt in God's truth and promises, despite recognizing the truthfulness, wisdom, and noble character of the final messenger.

Allah SWT recounts their words when they were presented with His guidance:

وَقَالُوا إِن تَتَّبِعِ الْهُدَىٰ مَعَكَ نُتَخَطَّفَ مِنْ أَرْضِنَا أَوْ لَمْ
نُמَكِّنْ لَهُمْ حَرَمًا ءَامِنًا يُجِبِّي إِلَيْهِ ثَمَرَاتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ رِّزْقًا
مِّن لَّدُنَّا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

“They say (to the Prophet), ‘If we were to follow (true) guidance with you, we would certainly be snatched away from our land.’ Have We not established for them a safe haven (in Mecca) to which fruits of all kinds are brought as a provision from Us? But most of them do not know (this favour).”

Surah al-Qasas: 57

Therefore, it is the responsibility of all Muslims, particularly practitioners and lawmakers, to uphold and honour the Sharia law, rather than obstruct or, worse, demean it.

II. Overcoming Economic and Administrative Restrictions

The second challenge comes through economic and administrative restrictions, such as the confiscation of state resources governed by PAS. Examples include the cancellation of Terengganu’s petroleum royalty and the denial of Kelantan’s state rights, as well as efforts to

prevent electoral victory through legitimate democratic means and withholding provisions from the opposition. These actions seem to repeat the agenda of the hypocrites during the early days of Islam in Medina:

هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ لَا تُنْفِقُوا عَلَى مَنْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
حَتَّى يَنْفَضُوا ۚ لِلَّهِ خَزَائِنُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنَّ
الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٧﴾

“They are those who say, ‘Do not spend on those who are with Allah’s Messenger until they disperse. And to Allah belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth, but the hypocrites do not understand.’”

Surah al-Munafiqun: 7

Therefore, the principles of economic federalism must be respected, and all forms of obstruction must be eliminated, allowing the state’s revenue and human resources to be fully utilized, ensuring the nation’s wealth is shared equitably.

III. Overcoming Social Challenges in Community

Recently, there has been a troubling rise in violent crimes, including murders involving acquaintances or family members, as well as increased instances of suicide and child abduction. These issues have heightened public concern and anxiety.

To combat these problems, it is crucial to strengthen family institutions by educating parents on effective family leadership and guiding children in choosing appropriate peers. The weaknesses of man-made laws, which fail to deter criminals, contribute significantly to these severe issues.

Islamic Sharia law, with its comprehensive and just principles, provides a robust deterrent against crime and ensures that victims receive the justice they deserve.

IV. Overcoming Environmental Issues and Climate Change

Human greed has led to extreme climate changes, including unprecedented floods and droughts. These changes threaten water resources and agricultural activities.

Malaysia is projected to experience the El Niño phenomenon and severe droughts between 2025 and 2035. This requires proactive strategies for managing water resources to ensure their future availability. The country's reliance on rivers, lakes, and underground water sources will pose significant challenges during extreme dry periods, leading to reduced water availability.

To address these challenges, it is crucial to explore diverse methods of water resource management and to educate the public on environmental sustainability, emphasizing the moral dimensions of environmental stewardship, including the concepts of sin and reward.

Additionally, the government must take decisive action by enacting or amending relevant legislation and enhancing the monitoring system. This includes increasing staff and adopting new technologies.

G. STATE GOVERNMENT 4 (SG4): STATE DEVELOPMENT MODEL

In SG4, Kedah and Perlis are situated on the West Coast, while Kelantan and Terengganu are on the East Coast. Despite the constraints of federalism and limited state jurisdiction, we can leverage the strategic geographic locations of these states. The East Coast is positioned towards Japan, China, and other countries, while the West Coast connects to India and other regions.

SG4 is not intended to compete with or pose a threat to any other state or the Federal Government. Instead, it aims to complement and support the national agenda. Therefore, it is crucial for the Federal Government to honour the principles of federalism and ensure fair and equitable development for these states.

SG4 has recently achieved notable successes. In Terengganu, the state's revenue has significantly increased compared to previous administrations, thanks to efficient administrative practices. The growth in Terengganu's government-linked companies (GLCs) and businesses has resulted in substantial profits and a turnaround from previous losses.

Kelantan has demonstrated resilience and is now a model of integrity and inclusivity, serving as a hub for rabbani (divinely-guided) human capital.

In terms of economy, the state has achieved stable economic growth by focusing on strategic sectors such as agriculture, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and nature- and culture-based tourism. The development of entrepreneurship centres in Kelantan has also provided valuable opportunities for local businesses, particularly in the halal, food, and handicraft sectors, to grow.

Kedah has made significant strides post-pandemic, notably with a sharp increase in foreign direct investment (FDI), reaching record levels of approved investments. Additionally, Kedah has expedited land approvals and granted property rights to long-awaiting applicants, setting a record for the most grants in this administration period.

In Perlis, notable progress has been made in upholding Islamic teachings. The Perlis State Government has successfully eradicated gambling activities by ending contract renewals for all gambling premises.

The focus on building human capital in Perlis will continue, aligning with the ongoing physical and economic development of the region, particularly in the Chuping Valley Industrial Area.

It is understood that there are five key clusters that will be the focus of attention, driven by ten outlined agendas, which are as follows:

1. Establishing an efficient transport and logistics system. For instance, in Kelantan and Terengganu, transit-oriented development (TOD) should be implemented at the East Coast Rail Line Project (ECRL) stations to enhance connectivity.
2. Formulating effective asset and volunteer preparedness for disaster mitigation collectively.
3. Managing high-value investment prospects, with a focus on prioritizing downstream industries tailored to the niche strengths of each state.
4. Expanding business and trade markets that complement one another while enhancing competitiveness.
5. Increasing production of key food commodities to achieve self-sufficiency and scale up to industrial levels.
6. Developing a complete agrofood value chain.
7. Collaborating to strengthen a comprehensive future education ecosystem.
8. Ensuring the availability of a highly skilled and self-sufficient workforce that complements the needs of each state.
9. Having efficient administration, integrity, and effective revenue management.

10. Exploring and commercializing sustainable natural resources to foster industrial development and create highly skilled job opportunities.

The most important thing is that SG4 should prioritize programs that are directly beneficial to the people and provide solutions to their problems, addressing key issues such as poverty and job creation. It is important that both short-term and long-term plans be established according to priority (*awlawiyat*), with a focus on immediate completion and optimal implementation.

H. PARTY MACHINERY'S ROLE

To further PAS's progress toward becoming the leading party in the country, it is crucial to strengthen all wings and machinery of the party, especially Dewan Ulamak (Cleric Wing), Youth, Muslimat (Women Wing), DHPP (Non-Muslim Wing), and Al-Sabiqun Assembly to retain our victories and pave the way for future success by mobilizing the people to embrace Islam as the solution.

I. Youth and Muslimat's Preparation

The Youth and Muslimat's wings should focus on activities that resonate with young people and women, transcending politics and race through various forms of communication. This approach aims to bring these crucial groups closer to the Islamic cause, ultimately securing their support in elections.

Simultaneously, Youth and Muslimat's Wing should work to produce more heroes of the people and role models who champion public issues, thereby influencing and inspiring young men and women, who are becoming more dynamic. This is the arena where we must focus our efforts as we prepare for GE-16.

Therefore, prioritizing the development of apprentices among young men and women should be a key agenda for the party. This will provide them with the necessary opportunities and space to prepare for future leadership roles within both the party and the nation.

II. Ulamak's Preparation

Ulamak must take the lead in uniting religious members from various schools of thought and belief. It is essential to recognize that differences among these sects are a primary weapon used by the enemies of Islam to fracture the unity of the ummah, ultimately weakening the political power of Islam in the country.

Therefore, the Ulamak's Wing should conduct internal scholarly discussions by bringing together scholars and academics to debate issues with Islamic knowledge and decorum. These two groups are the *ulu al-amr*, who are the primary targets of the enemies of Islam.

A significant responsibility to be shouldered by the ulamak is to raise public awareness of Islam and to highlight the

dangers of psychological warfare that erode the identity of Muslims, including the lack of understanding of Islamic politics among the clerics themselves.

III. DHPP's Inclusiveness

The role of DHPP is crucial in reaching out to the non-Muslim community within our multi-ethnic society in a more structured and impactful way, including through active participation in state governance and the prominence of DHPP leaders.

If DAP's agenda, with its flawed and foreign-based ideology, can gain acceptance among various ethnic groups through its propaganda, why shouldn't Islam, which offers justice for all, be similarly conveyed and accepted by everyone?

Our responsibility, therefore, is to repeat history, showing that Islam has always been embraced as the saviour of humanity, not as a colonizer.

IV. Administrative and Organizational Efficiency

The administration at the central, state, regional, and branch levels must function as a dynamic and effective party machinery, committed to strengthening the party, retaining past victories, and paving the way for future success. The burden should not be left solely on the state government or the people's representatives.

PAS members' at regional and branch levels should actively collaborate with Members of Parliament or State Assembly Representative to bolster PAS's presence in their constituencies. They must also participate in the execution of welfare programs, fostering strong cooperation between the Representatives' Service Centre and the Regional PAS Office.

Furthermore, the election machinery and party communication teams at all levels must be fully prepared to face the upcoming state elections (PRN) and the 16th General Election (GE-16). These efforts will require endurance and sacrifice, in line with the party's objectives and strategies.

V. Reviving Lajnah's Role

All lajnahs (units) must adopt an inclusive and benevolent approach, becoming more actively engaged with all segments of society, regardless of race or political affiliation. This effort holds significant influence within the democratic system and can be advanced through collaboration with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community leaders.

VI. International Stance

The Quran served as a guide for early generations involved in international conflicts, including the war between Persia and Rome. Allah SWT says in the Quran:

الْم ۝ غَلِبَتِ الرُّومُ ۝ فِي أَدْنَى الْأَرْضِ وَهُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ
 عَلَيْهِمْ سَاعِلُونَ ۝ فِي بَضْعِ سِنِينَ ۝ لِلَّهِ الْأَمْرُ مِنْ قَبْلُ
 وَمِنْ بَعْدُ ۝ وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ بِنَصْرِ اللَّهِ ۝ يَنْصُرُ
 مَن يَشَاءُ ۝ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ۝

"Alif Lam Mim. (1) The Romans have been defeated, (2) in the nearer land; and they, after their defeat, will triumph, (3) within a few years. To Allah belonged the matter before and (to Him it belongs) thereafter. And on that day the believers will rejoice. (4) with Allah's help. He helps whomsoever He wills. And He is the Mighty, the Very-Merciful. (5)"

Surah al-Rum: 1-5

Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to Congress and the U.S. Senate highlights that the world is currently divided into three groups; countries under Zionist influence, anti-Zionist countries, and hypocritical Muslim countries. The Quran has also addressed the extent of hostility towards Islam in this following verse:

لَتَجِدَنَّ أَشَدَّ النَّاسِ عَدَاوَةً لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالَّذِينَ
 أَشْرَكُوا وَلَتَجِدَنَّ أَقْرَبَهُم مَّوَدَّةً لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا الَّذِينَ قَالُوا
 إِنَّا نَصْرَىٰ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَن مِّنْهُمْ قَسِيصِينَ وَرُهْبَانًا وَأَنَّهُمْ لَا
 يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ۝

“And you will certainly find that the people most hostile against the believers are the Jews and the ones who ascribe partners to Allah. You will certainly find that the closest of them in friendship with the believers are those who say, ‘We are Christians.’ That is because among them there are priests and monks, and because they are not arrogant.”

Surah al-Ma'idah: 82

The extreme aggression of the illegal Israeli Zionist state against Palestine, particularly Gaza, has polarized the international community into three categories; adversaries, hypocrites, and allies. This polarization influences PAS's stance on international issues.

At the same time, cross-border humanitarian missions and welfare aid will continue to be mobilized through the efforts of PAS Relief, NGOs, and generous philanthropists.

I. UMMAH UNIFICATION: PAS'S INCLUSIVENESS

To fulfil the Islamic political agenda rooted in divine guidance, wisdom, maturity, and prosperity, PAS remains unwavering in its adherence to the Quran, Sunnah, and ijtiḥad. Building on its experience, PAS continues to choose the path of peaceful democracy and the unification of the ummah.

PAS continues to recognize those who genuinely embrace Islam as the solution, while rejecting those who outwardly appear righteous but act hypocritically.

Moreover, PAS stands firm in its commitment to defending Perikatan Nasional (PN) and revitalizing the true spirit of Muafakat Nasional (MN), with no intention of aligning with Pakatan Harapan (PH) in any capacity.

PAS advocates for the unity of both Muslims and non-Muslims who are moderate—those who do not oppose Islam as the ultimate solution to all problems and as the saviour of humanity, with a vision extending from this world to the hereafter, and who accept the necessity of Islam’s leadership.

This approach ensures that the supremacy of Islam and the Malay identity remain preserved in our beloved homeland.

J. CLOSING REMARKS

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Mukhtar Organizing Committee, helmed by the Secretary General’s team and the Pahang Liaison Office as our host, as well as the successful execution of the PAS Annual General Meeting for Division, Wing, and Branch levels.

Let us fortify our ranks with the agenda of *tarbiah* by implementing it at every level, expanding the party’s and leaders’

influence within the community through our dawah efforts and political initiatives. May Allah accept all these endeavours as virtuous deeds.

With that, I hereby officiate the 70th PAS Annual Mukhtamar by invoking the words of the Prophet PBUH:

سيروا على بركة الله،
الله أكبر! الله أكبر! الله أكبر! والله الحمد.

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