

## UNITY AND HARMONY

TUANKU MUHRIZ: REJECT  
NEGATIVE ELEMENTS

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**Y**ANG di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir wants the people to reject negative elements that undermine unity and harmony to ensure that moral and social stability, according to religious values, can be strengthened.

Therefore, he said that the people need to make an effort to recognise and understand the customs and cultures of multiple races in Malaysia to ensure prosperity, especially in Negri Sembilan.

"Hence, I call on all people to enhance friendship among di-

verse communities and get to know them through various activities, such as gotong-royong, sports and open-house visits.

"It will ensure that the spirit of togetherness between us remains strong and maintains unity and harmony," said Tuanku Muhriz at the investiture ceremony of state awards and medals in conjunction with his 76th birthday celebration at Istana Besar Seri Menanti, yesterday.

Also present was Tunku Ampuan Besar Negri Sembilan Tuanku Aishah Rohani Almarhum Tengku Besar Mahmud.

Tuanku Muhriz said the well-being of the people was also determined by the state's economic achievements and at this time, the growth rate of the gross domestic product and the state revenue collection had been very good.

Accordingly, to maintain that performance, Tuanku Muhriz hopes that the state government will continue planning for the Negri Sembilan Development Plan 2021-2025, which is the government's latest plan to address current economic issues in the state.

In the meantime, all parties also need to be prepared to face any changes, whether in terms of the economy or social conditions, and he believes that the people in Negri Sembilan are resilient enough to face the challenges ahead.

"I was informed that my government has made preparations by strengthening its management, through innovation in administration and applying the latest technology, apart from planning certain programmes aimed at helping the people prepare to face uncertainty," he said.

Tuanku Muhriz also reminded public institutions to improve the government's delivery and management system in providing excellent services to the people.

In his royal address, Tuanku Muhriz also expressed his support for the Palestinian people's struggle, and strongly condemned the violations of human rights committed by Israel against the Palestinians, and called on the people to give support, including contributing to the Negri Sembilan government's Palestine Care Fund.



Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir conferring a medal on Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun (left) at the investiture ceremony in conjunction with Tuanku Muhriz's 76th birthday celebration at Istana Besar Seri Menanti in Kuala Pilah, yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

Meanwhile, the ruler also congratulated all the recipients of state medals and awards, and reminded them that the honours carry certain responsibilities and reflect the dignity and honour of the Negri Sembilan royal institution.

He added that the awards were a sign of appreciation for service and devotion, therefore, the recipients had a responsibility to safeguard this glory and recognition by upholding strict con-

duct to maintain their morals and good behaviour.

A total of 473 individuals received honours, awards and medals from the Negri Sembilan government, in an investiture ceremony held in conjunction with Tuanku Muhriz's birthday celebration.

The ceremony is being held in three sessions, starting yesterday with Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun leading the list of recipients. **Bernama**

## PM congratulates Tuanku Muhriz on birthday

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim congratulated Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir on the ruler's 76th birthday yesterday.

In a post on Facebook, Anwar prayed that Tuanku Muhriz, Tunku Ampuan Besar Tuanku

Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud and the entire royal family will always be blessed with His grace and be granted good health, prosperity and sovereignty.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun headed the list of 473 recipients of state

awards, medals and honours on the royal birthday.

Aminuddin said the state government had strengthened further with the changes in the state's political landscape after the 15th General Election (GE15).

He said the political consensus through the formation of the unity government (after GE15) had resulted in a political ceasefire in the country, and this had also been felt in Negri Sembilan.

"Alhamdulillah, thanks to this consensus, the people in the state and the country live more peacefully compared with foreign countries that live in war zones and yearn for peace," he said during his congratulatory speech and loyalty pledge in conjunction with the 76th Birthday of the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir at Istana Besar Seri Menanti here yesterday.

Aminuddin added that his government was ready for development plans and leaders' consensus in the state to meet the expectations and aspirations of the people, ensuring that the state's wealth and prosperity remain sustainable.

Aminuddin said the state government was moving forward by having launched the Negri Sembilan Development Plan 2021-2025 and the Negri Sembilan Digital Economy Plan 2027, based on the key principle of economic prosperity, and promoting digital economic development until 2027.

He stated that the gross domestic product (GDP) of the state for this year was estimated to be moderate and growing between four and five per cent, with the still slow economic growth expected to be felt by the people, especially in the rising cost of living.

Therefore, he said, the state

government was devising various initiatives to shape spending patterns early to ensure the sustainability of various focus areas, including empowering the people's economy, welfare, education and service delivery to the people.

Aminuddin said the state government was committed to continuing joint ventures with potential investors, both domestic and foreign, with Negri Sembilan remaining a choice for investors.

"As a result, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) reported that, until the third quarter of last year, a total investment of RM3.14 billion was recorded in Negri Sembilan," he said.

He underscored that the state government always upheld the Adat Perpatih system practised in Negri Sembilan and would continue to defend its sovereignty. **Bernama**