

## LAW OF BRUNEI

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## THE MOST BLESSED ORDER OF SETIA NEGARA BRUNEI

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BY THE GRACE OF GOD, We, Omar Ali Saifuddin Sa'adul Khairi Waddin ibni Almarhum Mohamed Jamal-ul Alam of the State and Territory of Brunei and all its Dependencies, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST ESTEEMED FAMILY ORDER, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST GALLANT ORDER OF PAHLAWAN NEGARA BRUNEI, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST BLESSED ORDER OF SETIA NEGARA BRUNEI, SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF BRUNEI, MOST EXALTED ORDER OF SERI MAHKOTA NEGARA, MOST ESTEEMED FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) KELANTAN, MOST ESTEEMED FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) JOHORE, MOST ESTEEMED FAMILY ORDER (FIRST CLASS) SELANGOR, HONORARY KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE, to all whom these presents shall come, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS We are desirous of making provision for the giving from time to time of due and proper honour or reward to such persons, male and female, as have rendered or shall hereafter render, loyal, faithful, distinguished and devoted services to or in connection with Our Throne, Government, Subjects or State:

AND WHEREAS on the 27th day of Jamadil Awal, the Hijrah of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم (on whom be the benediction and peace of GOD) 1379, corresponding to the 28th day of November, 1959 of the Christian era, exercising Our Royal Rights and Prerogatives as Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of this Our State and Territory of Brunei and all its Dependencies, and with the Knowledge and Concurrence of Our Chiefs and Councillors and Advisers, We have been pleased to create and constitute an Order of Exalted and Esteemed Rank, to be called and styled "The Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei" (Darjah Setia Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bahagia):

Date of Creation and Establishment of the Order

And WHEREAS it is Our Will and Pleasure that Members shall have and enjoy Statutes and Ordinances for their Guidance in availing them-

Rules for Guidance of the Members

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selves of the said Most Blessed Order, to the Glory of God and for the Welfare of Our Country:

Sovereign of the Order has all power in regard to the Statutes

NOW, THEREFORE, by these Presents, sealed with the Seal of the said Most Blessed Order, We do Make, Ordain and Establish and have hereby Made, Ordained and Established the following Statutes and Ordinances, declaring that solely to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Sultans of the State and Territory of Brunei and all its Dependencies, Sovereigns and Chiefs of the said Most Blessed Order, doth and shall belong all power of Abrogating, Amending, Altering, Adding to, Augmenting or Explaining the said Statutes or any particular therein.

Style and designation

1. These Statutes shall be styled and designated as the Statutes of the Most Blessed Order of Setia Negara Brunei (Darjah Setia Negara Brunei Yang Amat Bahagia).

The Motto

2. The Motto of this Most Blessed Order shall be "Bersetia Jaya Kapada Allah Berserah".

Sovereigns and Chiefs of the Order

3. We, Our Heirs and Successors, Sultans of the State and Territory of Brunei and of all its Dependencies, are and forever shall be Sovereigns and Chiefs of the said Most Blessed Order.

Constitution of the Order

4. The Order shall consist of the Sovereign and 4 several Classes of Members.

4 Classes of Members of the Order

5. The 4 Classes of Members of this Order shall be styled and designated respectively —

<i>Style and Designation of Order</i>	<i>Class of Order</i>
PADUKA SETIA NEGARA BRUNEI (P.S.N.B.)	First Class
DATO' SETIA NEGARA BRUNEI (D.S.N.B.)	Second Class
SETIA NEGARA BRUNEI (S.N.B.)	Third Class
PEKERMA SETIA BRUNEI (P.S.B.)	Fourth Class

First Class

6. The Members of the First Class of the Order (Paduka Setia Negara Brunei) shall not for the time being exceed 12 in number.

Second Class

7. The Members of the Second Class of the Order (Dato' Setia Negara Brunei) shall not for the time being exceed 24 in number.

Third Class

8. The Members of the Third Class of the Order (Setia Negara Brunei) shall not for the time being exceed 36 in number.

Fourth Class

9. The Members of the Fourth Class of the Order (Pekerma Setia Brunei) shall not for the time being exceed 48 in number.

10. The Honorary Members of the Order shall consist of Foreign Princes whom We may consider fit and proper to invite and who may do Us and the Order the honour to accept and join the Order, and of Foreign Persons upon whom We may think fit to confer the Order, and every such Honorary Member shall be additional to and not included within the numbers of Ordinary Members prescribed for the several Classes above.

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Honorary  
Members

11. The Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of any of the Classes of this Order shall be such persons, male and female, as have rendered or shall hereafter render, loyal, faithful, distinguished and devoted services to or in connection with Our Throne, Government, Subjects or State.

Ordinary  
Members

12. Gentlemen, upon whom have been conferred the honour of being admitted to the First Class of this Order (Paduka Setia Negara Brunei) or Second Class of this Order (Dato' Setia Negara Brunei) may on all occasions have, use and enjoy the appellation and style "Dato' Seri Setia" or "Dato' Setia," as the case may be, as follows:

Titles of the  
Members of  
the First and  
Second Clas-  
ses

If the recipient of the honour is a Pengiran or a Pehin he shall use the appellation and style after his title, thus —

"Pengiran Dato' Seri Setia (or Dato' Setia) Mohamed", or

"Pehin Orang Kaya Kemala Dewa Dato' Seri Setia (or Dato' Setia) Mohamed";

if the recipient of the honour is other than a Pengiran or Pehin, he shall use the appellation and style before his name, thus —

"Dato' Seri Setia (or Dato' Setia) Mohamed".

Ladies who have been admitted to the First Class or Second Class of this Order may on all occasions have, use and enjoy the appellation and style "Datin Seri Setia," or "Datin Setia," as the case may be, in the same manner above-mentioned. Ladies whose husbands have been admitted to the First Class or Second Class of this Order may on all occasions have, use and enjoy the appellation and style "Datin" before their names.

13. Any person who has been or may hereafter be admitted to any of the Classes of this Order, Paduka Setia Negara Brunei, or Dato' Setia Negara Brunei, or Setia Negara Brunei, or Pekerma Setia Brunei, may on all occasions when the use of such is customary, place after his or her

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name, the letters P.S.N.B., D.S.N.B., S.N.B., or P.S.B., as the case may be.

Habits,  
Robes, De-  
corations and  
Insignia

14. The Habits, Robes, Decorations and Insignia of the Sovereign and of the several Classes of Members of the Order and the Badges or Insignia of the Officers, shall be respectively of the patterns illustrated and described in the Appendix to these Statutes.

The Seal

15. The Seal of this Order shall bear the design approved by Us on the 27th day of July, 1961.

The Insignia  
to be worn by  
Paduka Setia  
Negara  
Brunei

16. Members of the First Class of the Order, Paduka Setia Negara Brunei, shall wear the Star of the First Class of the Order on the left side of their outer garments and the Badge suspended from a Riband which shall be worn passing from the right shoulder to the left side or, where the occasion demands, the Badge shall be suspended from the Collar.

The Insignia  
to be worn by  
Dato' Setia  
Negara  
Brunei

17. Members of the Second Class of the Order, Dato' Setia Negara Brunei, shall wear the Star of the Second Class of the Order on the left side of their outer garments and the Badge suspended from a Riband around the neck.

The Insignia  
to be worn by  
Setia Negara  
Brunei

18. Members of the Third Class of the Order, Setia Negara Brunei, shall wear the Badge of the Third Class of the Order suspended from a Riband around the neck.

The Insignia  
to be worn by  
Pekerma  
Setia Brunei

19. Members of the Fourth Class of the Order, Pekerma Setia Brunei, shall wear the Badge of the Fourth Class of the Order suspended from a Riband pinned to the left side of their outer garments.

Officers of  
the Order

20. There shall be 4 Officers appointed by Us or Our Heirs and Successors to the Order, that is to say: a Chancellor (Menteri), a Prelate (Imam), a Secretary and Registrar (Juru-Tulis) and a Gentleman Usher (Bentara), which Officers shall rank among each other in the above Order.

The Chancel-  
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21. The Chancellor shall, in addition to the duties prescribed, hold the Seal of the Order and shall countersign all Warrants signed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors.

The Secret-  
ary and Reg-  
istrar

22. The Secretary and Registrar shall, in addition to the duties prescribed, record all proceedings connected with this Order in a Register to be appropriated for that purpose, and shall, under the directions of the Chancellor, prepare all Warrants and other Instruments to be passed under the Seal of the Order and engross the same.

23. All and every of the Officers of this Order shall, over and above the duties more specifically imposed by these Statutes, execute diligently whatsoever the Sovereign may be pleased to command touching the interests of the Order and that the said Offices shall be holden during good behaviour.

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Duties of the  
Officers of  
the Order

24. It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by a Warrant or Warrants signed by Us, or Them, countersigned by the Chancellor and sealed with the Seal of this Order to authorise some distinguished person to perform in Our name and on Our Behalf the Ceremony of investing persons admitted to any of the 4 Classes of this Order, or to permit the Ceremony of Investiture to be dispensed with, and We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, by Our or Their Warrant or Warrants aforesaid, full power and authority to permit and authorise such persons to wear the Insignia and enjoy the privileges appertaining to their respective dignities in as full and ample a manner as if they had been invested by Us, Our Heirs and Successors.

Authorisa-  
tion of per-  
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form the  
Ceremony of  
Investiture  
and also to  
dispense with  
the Cere-  
mony

25. It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors by a Warrant signed by Us, or Them, and sealed with the Seal of this Order, on the recommendation to that effect by Our Chiefs and Councillors and Advisers, to cancel and annul the appointment of any person to any of the Classes of this Order and thereupon his or her name in the Register shall be erased; but it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore to this Order any person whose appointment may have been cancelled and annulled when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

Cancellation  
and annul-  
ment of  
appointment

26. In the event of the cancellation or annulment of the appointment of any person to any of the Classes of this Order, he or she shall return the Insignia theretofore worn by him or her for service of the Order to the Secretary and be by him deposited with the Chancery.

Insignia to be  
returned on  
cancellation  
or annulment  
of appoint-  
ment

27. On the resignation of any Member of this Order from his or her Rank as a Member of the Order, or of any Officer from his Office, he or she shall forthwith return his or her Decorations and Insignia to the Secretary; and on the promotion of a Member of the said Order to a higher Class therein, he or she shall likewise immediately return the Insignia previously worn by him or her to the Secretary.

Return of In-  
signia on res-  
ignation or  
promotion

28. On the death of any Ordinary Member of this Order, his or her Insignia shall be returned to the Secretary by his or her heirs or representatives unless they shall receive a written intimation from the Chancellor of the Order, that it is the Gracious Pleasure of the Sovereign to permit their Retention of such Insignia by the heir or heirs of the deceased Member as a Mark of Royal Affection and Favour.

Return of In-  
signia of de-  
ceased  
Ordinary  
Member

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Insignia of deceased Honorary Member not to be returned

29. The foregoing Statute concerning the return of the Insignia of a deceased Member shall not apply in the case of the death of an Honorary Member whose heirs will only be required to send at an early date a written intimation of the occurrence of the death to the Secretary.

Secretary to secure return of Insignia

30. If there should be any refusal or failure on the part of a Member or Members of this Order to return the Insignia, as required by Statutes 26, 27 and 28, it shall be competent for the Secretary and he is hereby authorised, empowered and required to seek for, ask, demand and secure from each and every Member, if living, or from the heirs, executors and administrators where they are already deceased or that hereafter may decease, the return of the Insignia which such Member or Members may have already received or hereafter may receive from the Chancery.

Miniature Badges

31. Miniature Badges to be worn by Members of the 4 Classes of this Order shall be reproductions of the Badges of the respective Classes.

Chancery

32. The Chancery of this Most Blessed Order shall be in the Lapau, Brunei.

Power reserved to alter the Statutes

33. Lastly, We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors the Power of Abrogating or Amending or Altering or Adding to or Augmenting or Explaining any of the aforesaid Statutes or any part thereof, if and whenever We may deem it necessary or expedient so to do, and such Amendments, Alterations, Additions or Explanations shall be accepted as part and parcel of the Statutes of this said Most Blessed Order.

Invocation

May GOD to Whom be Praise and Whose name be exalted, the King of Kings, vouchsafe His grace and may the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم (on whom be the benediction and peace of GOD) grant his blessing to these Statutes for ever and ever. امين يا رب العالمين (Amen! O Lord of the Universe!)

Given at Our Istana, Darul-Hana, Brunei, Darul-Salam, this 21st day of Zulkaedah, the Hijrah of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم (on whom be the benediction and peace of GOD), 1381, corresponding to the 26th day of April, 1962 of the Christian era, being the 12th year of Our Reign.

By Command of the Sovereign and  
Chief of the Order,

Chancellor