

LAWS OF BRUNEI

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THE MOST FAITHFUL ORDER OF PERWIRA NEGARA  
BRUNEI  
(DARJAH PERWIRA NEGARA BRUNEI YANG AMAT SETIA)

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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 or female, as have performed or shall hereafter perform acts of the most conspicuous gallantry or bravery or pre-eminent acts of valour or self-sacrifice:

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 Faithful Order of Perwira Negara Brunei" (Darjah Perwira Negara Brunei Yang Amat Setia):

Date of creation and Establishment of the Order

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Rules for Guidance of the Members

And WHEREAS it is Our Will and Pleasure that Members shall have and enjoy the Statutes and Ordinances for their Guidance in availing themselves of the said Most Faithful 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 Faithful 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 Faithful 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 Faithful Order of Perwira Negara Brunei (Darjah Perwira Negara Brunei Yang Amat Setia).

The Motto

2. The Motto of this Most Faithful Order shall be "Perwira ada-lah tiang Negara".

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 Faithful Order.

4. The Order may be awarded posthumously.

Constitution of the Order

5. The Order shall consist of the Sovereign and 2 Classes of Members.

2 Classes of Members of the Order

6. The 2 Classes of Members of this Order shall be styled and designated respectively —

<i>Style and Designation</i>	<i>Class of Order</i>
PERWIRA AGONG NEGARA BRUNEI (P.A.N.B.)	First Class
PERWIRA NEGARA BRUNEI (Pa.N.B.)	Second Class

Ordinary Members

7. The Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of either of the 2 Classes of this Order shall be such persons, male and female, as have performed or shall hereafter perform acts of the most conspicuous gallantry or bravery or preminent acts of valour or self-sacrifice.

Use of Initials

8. Any person who has been or may hereafter be admitted to either of the 2 Classes of this Order, that is to say, Perwira Agong Negara

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Brunei or Perwira Negara Brunei, may on all occasions when the use of such is customary, place after his or her name, the letters P.A.N.B., or Pa.N.B., as the case may be.

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

10. Members of both Classes of the Order shall wear the Badges of the Order on the left side of their outer garments. Method of wearing the Badge of the Order

11. 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. Officers of the Order

12. 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 Chancellor

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

14. 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. Duties of the Officers of the Order

15. 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 either of the 2 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 Badges of the Order and enjoy the privilege appertaining to their respective dignities in as full and ample a manner as if they had been invested by Us, Our Heirs and Successors. Authorisation of persons to perform the Ceremony of Investiture and also to dispense with the Ceremony

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Cancellation and annulment of appointment

16. It shall be competent of 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 either 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.

Badge to be returned on cancellation or annulment of appointment

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

Return of Badge on resignation or promotion

18. 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 Badge to the Secretary; and on the promotion of a Member of the said Order from the Second Class to the First Class, he or she shall likewise immediately return the Badge previously worn by him or her to the Secretary.

Return of Badge of deceased Ordinary Member

19. On the death of any Ordinary Member of this Order, his or her Badge 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 the Retention of such Badge by the heir or heirs of the deceased Member as a Mark of Royal Affection and Favour.

Secretary to secure return of Badge

20. If there should be any refusal or failure on the part of a Member or Members of this Order to return the Badges, as required by Statutes 17, 18 and 19, 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 Badges which such Member or Members may have already received or hereafter may receive from the Chancery.

Chancery

21. The Chancery of this Most Faithful Order shall be in the Lapau, Brunei.

Power reserved to alter the Statutes

22. 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 there-

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of, 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 Faithful Order.

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!) Invocation

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