



**BARISAN REVOLUSI NASIONAL MELAYU PATANI (BRN)**

جبهة الثورة الوطنية لتحرير فطاني

**PATANI MALAY NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY FRONT**

## DECLARATION OF BRN'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

3 April 2020/9 Sya'ban 1441

Assalamualaikum wtb.

The Patani Malay National Revolutionary Front (BRN) recognises that the COVID-19 or Coronavirus outbreak represents a grave threat to all of humanity across the world, including Patani. At present the number of infections and deaths is increasing and it is expected to increase if health measures are not taken seriously, especially by the people of Patani. In accordance with the announcement of BRN's Information Department via Youtube on 26 March 2020, namely 6 Sya'ban 1441, we again want to emphasize that it is our duty to preserve our nation and descendents from being affected by this epidemic.

The current climate of anxiety and hardship faced by the people of Patani is further aggravated by increasing military operations, which are inhumane and senseless. This includes assault operations, the siege of suspected homes, arrests, and the detention of Malay people suspected of association with the movement. Clearly all these actions have exacerbated an already tense situation, which has resulted in the people of Patani having to confront two fears at the same time.

In order to create a safer and more suitable environment for the people of Patani for health care agencies and other organisations tasked with preventing and containing the outbreak of Coronavirus, BRN is now taking measures to cease all activities for the purposes of providing humanitarian access bearing in mind that the principal enemy of the human race right now is COVID-19. This declaration comes into force on Friday 3 April 2020, namely 9 Syaaban 1441, for as long as BRN is not attacked by Thai Government personnel.

BRN reiterates its commitment to cooperate in overcoming the COVID-19 epidemic, and as a defender of the Patani Nation, BRN calls on the entire Patani Nation to strive to protect each other and their families as much as possible and to pray to the Creator.

May your fast be happy, and may Almighty God grant us the strength and perseverance as we together face this ordeal.

Wassalam.



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