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King: I didn't consent to revocation

Ruler 'greatly disappointed' that matter wasn't tabled in Parliament first

PUTRAJAYA: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah says the government's decision to revoke six Emergency Ordinances was made without his consent.

In a statement issued by Istana Negara yesterday, the King also felt "greatly disappointed" that the revocation of the ordinances was not tabled in Parliament by the government.

"Article 150(2b) read with Article 150(3) of the Federal Constitution clearly provides that the power to enact and repeal Emergency Ordinances rests with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

"In this regard, His Majesty expressed great displeasure at the July 26 statement in Parliament that the government had revoked all the Emergency Ordinances that the King had promulgated during the Emergency period, despite His Majesty having yet to give consent to the revocation.

"His Majesty is also very dismayed that his suggestion for the revocation of the Emergency Ordinances to be tabled and debated in Parliament was not implemented," read the statement issued by Comptroller of the Royal Household of Istana Negara Datuk Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin.

"His Majesty's proposal was agreed upon earlier during a virtual meeting on July 24 with Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Parliament and Law Affairs) Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan and Attorney General Tan Sri Idrus Harun."

The statement added that the King felt Takiyuddin's statement in Parliament on July 26 was "not accurate" and "had confused members of the Dewan Rakyat".

"The Yang di-Pertuan Agong feels the request to revoke the ordinances was carried out hastily without first tabling it in Parliament.

"The confusing and contradicting statement in Parliament disrespects

the principles of the rule of law and goes against His Majesty's functions and power as the head of state, as enshrined in the Federal Constitution," the statement said.

It added while the King acted on advice of the Cabinet, His Majesty felt that "unconstitutional acts" by the government must be pointed out. His Majesty is aware of the need for him to act in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet, as contained in Article 40(1) of the Federal Constitution.

"However, the King feels that as the head of state, His Majesty has a duty to reprimand any unconstitutional acts committed by a party.

"This is especially towards those who are performing the functions and powers of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong," the statement said.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong also stressed that the current parliamentary sitting should be used by MPs to find solutions to the problems faced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

His Majesty also urged the public to pray that the country was protected by Allah and hope that the pandemic would end swiftly.

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