

## STATE OF SABAH

### HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE

(Sabah Cap. 56)

#### LIST OF AMENDMENTS

<i>Ordinance No.</i>	<i>Sections amended</i>	<i>Effective date of amendment</i>
*5/1955	3 (4), 1st Sch., 2nd Sch.	13-5-1955
G.N.S. 92/1957	1st Sch.	15-8-1957
G.N.S. 86/1960	1st Sch., 2nd Sch.	15-6-1960
G.N.S. 166/1960	1st Sch., 2nd Sch.	1-12-1960
G.N.S. 110/1963	1st Sch.	1-8-1963
G.N.S. 127/1963	1st Sch., 2nd Sch.	2-9-1963
G.N.S. 178/1963	1st Sch.	16-12-1963
G.N.S. 87/1965	2 (definition of "Bank Holiday"), 3 (1), (2), (3), 4, 9	16-9-1963
F.L.N. 260/1965	5, 6, 7	1-7-1965
G.N.S. 122/1965	1st Sch.	1-11-1965
G.N. 832/1969	2nd Sch.	1-1-1969
G.N. 901/1972	1st Sch.	16-11-1972

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\* See Corrigenda in 1955 Annual Volume at page XLi.

G.N.S. 6/1976	1 <sup>st</sup> Sch.	11-3-1976
G.N.S. 26/1978	1st Sch.	1-1-1979
G.N.S. 7/1979	1st Sch.	3-8-1979
G.N.S. 10/1985	1st.Sch.	1-1-1985
G.N.S. 6/1986	1st Sch.	1-1-1986
G.N.S. 11/1986	1st Sch.	1-1-1986
G.N.S. 3/1987	1st Sch.	1-1-1987
G.N.S. 5/1987	1st Sch.	1-1-1987
G.N.S. 1/1993	1st Sch.	1-1-1993
G.N.S. 13/1994	1st Sch.	1-1-1995
En. 14/1995	9	1-1-1995
G.N.S. 11/2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Sch.	19-12-2019
G.N.S. 5/2025	1 <sup>st</sup> Sch.	26-2-2025
En. 1/2026	3	25-5-2026

To make provision for the due observance of holidays and the law relating to the same.

[17th June, 1948.]

**Short title.**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Holidays Ordinance.

**Interpretation.**

2. (1) In this Ordinance –

“Bank Holiday” means a day which shall be kept as a close holiday by all banks in Sabah;

“Public Holiday” means a day which, subject to the provisions of section 4, shall

be a dies non and shall be kept as a holiday by all banks, educational establishments, public offices and Government departments.

(2) For the purposes of this Ordinance, the day next following a Public Holiday shall mean the next following day not being itself a Public Holiday, and the day next following a Bank Holiday shall be construed to mean the next following day not being itself a Public Holiday, or Bank Holiday.

**Certain days to be holidays.**

3. (1) The several days mentioned in the First Schedule shall be kept as Public Holidays in Sabah.

(2) The several days mentioned in the Second Schedule shall be kept as Bank Holidays in Sabah.

(3) If any of the days set out in either of the Schedules hereto falls on a Sunday the following day shall be observed as the public holiday and if such day is already a public holiday, then the day following shall be observed as a public holiday unless otherwise ordered by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri\*.

(4) The Yang di-Pertua Negeri may, by order, amend the Schedules.

**Power to exclude.**

4. The Yang di-Pertua Negeri may make regulations excluding in whole or in part from the operation of this Ordinance any public office or any department thereof, and thereupon all acts and things relating to such public office or department thereof may be done and performed on any Public Holiday, notwithstanding this Ordinance.

**5-7. (Repealed).**

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Throughout the Ordinance "Yang di-Pertua Negeri" substituted for "Yang di-Pertua Negara" by virtue of Enactment No. 17 of 1976.

**Process, etc., on holidays.**

8. Subject to any express provision whereby any act specified in any written law may not be done on a Sunday, any summons or warrant may be issued, any summons may be served, any warrant or order may be served or executed and any arrest, search or seizure may be made, on any day, whether a Bank or Public Holiday or not.

**Yang di-Pertua Negeri may appoint special days to be observed as holidays.**

9. The Yang di-Pertua Negeri may at any time, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint a special day to be observed as a Public Holiday or as a Bank Holiday in addition to or in substitution for any of the days mentioned in the Schedules, and thereupon this Ordinance shall be applicable to such day in the same manner as if the said day had been mentioned in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Every Sunday.

The First day of January.

Chinese New Year and the following day.

Good Friday.

Labour Day.

Wesak Day.

The Birthday of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

The Birthday of His Excellency the Yang di-Pertua Negeri.

Hari Raya Puasa and the following day.

The last two days in May (Pesta Kaamatan).

Hari Raya Haji.

National Day.

Malaysia Day.

Awal Muharram.

Hari Keputeraan Nabi Muhammad S.A.W.

Deepavali.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

SECOND SCHEDULE

*(Repealed).*

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