



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (PROTOCOL) DEPARTMENT

No. 2/Pro.5/2026/GAD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12.07.2026

From

The Secretary to Government

To

The Secretary to Governor, Kerala Lok Bhavan

The Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Air Command

The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Naval Command, Kochi

The Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly

The Registrar General, High Court of Kerala

The State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram

The Station Commander, Pangode

The Regional Director, RBI, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General, Thiruvananthapuram

The Secretary, Kerala PSC

The Member Secretary, State Planning Board, Thiruvananthapuram

The Registrars of all Universities

All District Collectors

All Heads of Departments

Sir/Madam

Sub:GAD- Demise of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Father Amir of the State of Qatar- Instructions to fly the National Flag on halfmast - reg.

Ref : Letter no. 3/1/2026-PUBLIC dated 12.07.2026 from the Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Father Amir of the State of Qatar, passed away on 12.07.2026. As a mark of respect to the departed dignitary, the Government of India has decided that one day's State Mourning shall be observed throughout India on 13.07.2026.

During the period of State Mourning, the National Flag shall be flown at Half-Mast where

it is flown regularly, and there shall be no official entertainment on the day.

The District Collectors are requested to inform all the offices under their jurisdiction where the National Flag is regularly flown about the State Mourning and ensure that the National Flag is flown at Half-Mast on 13.07.2026 in accordance with the provisions of the Flag Code of India. All Heads of Departments and other authorities concerned shall also take necessary action for strict compliance with the above instructions.

Yours faithfully,
ARAVIND B S
JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
& STATE PROTOCOL OFFICER
FOR SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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