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AGONG FETED AT STATE BANQUET

PULAU PINANG, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Najihah were tonight feted to a state banquet here on the eve of the National Day.

Also present at the banquet were Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Dr Hamdan Sheikh Tahir and wife Toh Puan Siti Zainab Baharuddin as well as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his wife Datin Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon and Puan Sri Chui Kah Peng, Cabinet ministers and State Executive Councillors and foreign diplomats were also present.

Guests at the banquet were entertained to a "Malam Kemesraan Pulau Pinang" gala show by local artistes.

The Prime Minister and the entire cabinet later moved to attend the countdown to independence and flag raising ceremony at the Esplanade at midnight.

The main National Day celebrations will be held at University Sains Malaysia (USM) grounds here tomorrow.

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