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King's birthday honours for 1,951

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Mohamed Zahir Ismail heads the list of 1,951 recipients of numerous awards in conjunction with the 76th birthday of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar tomorrow.

Zahir, 74, will be the only recipient to be bestowed with the Darjah Kebesaran Seri Setia Mahkota award, which carries the title Tun.

The late Corporal Md Nosruddin Yeob will be posthumously awarded the country's highest bravery award, the Seri Pahlawan Gagah Perkasa.

Md Nosruddin was killed on March 26, when detainees at the Semenyih Immigration Detention Centre clashed with the police.

Twenty-one others will receive the Darjah Panglima Setia Mahkota which carries the title Tan Sri.

They are Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's chief private secretary Datuk Abdul Aziz Ismail, Education Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Johari Mat, Public Works Department director-general Datuk Omar Ibrahim, Defence Ministry secretary-general Datuk Azizan Husain, Sarawak State Secretary Datuk Amar Hamid Bugo, Sabah State Secretary Datuk Khalil Datu Jamalul, Deputy Inspector General of Police Datuk Norian Mai, Universiti Putra Malaysia vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim, Guthrie Group chief executive Datuk Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, Naza Motor Trading Group managing director Datuk Sheikh Mohamad Nasimuddin Kamal Sheikh Mohamad Amin and DRB-Hicom Group chairman Datuk Wira Mohd Saleh Sulong.

Also on the list are former Asean secretary-general Datuk Ajit Singh, Selangor Hokkien Association president Datuk Low Keng Seng, veteran Umno politician Datuk Abdul Aziz Tapa, Talam Corporation Berhad executive chairman Datuk Chan Ah Chye, the King's daughter Tunku Dara Tunku Datuk Seri Tunku Naquiah, Tassmag Group director Datuk T. Tharumagnanam, Parti Gerakan treasurer Datuk Soong Siew Hoong, Airod chairman Datuk Ahmad Johan, Dr Cheah Cheng Kooi and Malaysian Timber Council chairman Tunku Datuk Osman Ahmad.

Thirty-five will receive the Panglima Jasa Negara award while five will receive the Panglima Setia Diraja award.

Both awards carry the title Datuk.

The recipients of the PJN award include Prime Minister's Department Research Division director-general Datuk Zakaria Abdul Hamid, Kuching High Court judge Steve Shim Lip Kiong, PM's Department senior deputy secretary-general Datuk Abdullah Kuntom, former PM's Department Implementation Coordinating Unit director-general Datuk Syed Alwi Syed Nordin, PM's Department National Security Division director-general Datuk Ja'afar Ismail and Chemistry Department director-general Ti Thiow Hee.

Others are Health Ministry deputy director-general Datuk Dr M. Jegathesan, former Health deputy secretary-general P. Venugopal, Health Ministry secretary-general Datuk Wira Mohd Zam Abdul Wahab, former Education Ministry director-general Datuk Matnor Daim, Customs and Excise Department director-general Datuk Ahmad Padzli Mohyiddin, Malaysian ambassador to Indonesia Datuk Zainal Abidin Alias, Prisons director-general Datuk Omar Mohamed Dan and Works Ministry secretary-general Datuk Yahya Yaacob.

Other recipients are Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Ministry secretary-general Datuk Nuraziah Abdul Hamid, Housing and Local Government Ministry secretary-general Datuk Umar Abu, KL International Airport Bhd

managing director Datuk Dr Jamilus Hussein, Bank Negara deputy governor Datuk Fong Weng Phak and Universiti Malaya Medical Faculty lecturer Professor Alexius Ernald Delilkan.

Also on the list are Shell Malaysia chairman Megat Zaharuddin Megat Mohd Nor, Datin Ann Abdul Majid, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers president Paul Low, Malaysian Red Crescent Society former secretary-general Datin Paduka Ruby Lee, Malayan Banking Bhd managing director Amirsham A. Aziz, Sapura Group president and chief executive Shahril Shamsuddin, Technology Park Malaysia chief executive Dr Mohamad Salleh Ismail, Diocese Bishop West Malaysia Dr Lim Cheng Ean, Proton chief executive officer Tengku Mahaleel Tengku Ariff, Golden Hope Plantations Group chief executive Abdul Rahman Ramli and Dr Gerald Francis De Silva.

The rest are the Dewan Rakyat Deputy Speaker Ong Tee Keat, Naga DDB Sdn Bhd executive chairman Vincent Lee Fook Long, Star Publications (Malaysia) Bhd managing director Steven Tan Kok Hiang, former MP V. Govindaraj and former MP for Tawau Senator Datuk Geoffrey Yee Lung Fook.

Recipients of the Panglima Setia Diraja award are Foreign Ministry protocol chief Datuk Zainal Azman Zainal Abidin, assistant chief of staff personnel services, Personnel Service Division, Defence Ministry Mej Jen Baharuddin Abdul Kadir, Datuk Seri Tunku Mahmud Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, Datuk Wong Akau and Tunku Sheilah Tuanku Abdul Rahman.

There are 23 recipients of the Johan Mangku Negara award, Johan Setia Mahkota (24), Johan Setia Diraja (15), Kesatria Mangku Negara (261), Kesatria Setia Diraja (26), Ahli Mangku Negara (670), Pingat Pangkuan Negara (826), Bentara Setia Diraja (41) and the Panglima Gagah Berani and Jasa Perkasa Persekutuan (one each).

Among the recipients for the JMN award are the New Straits Times Sdn Bhd assistant group editor Ahmad A. Talib, Town and Country Planning Department director-general Datuk Zainuddin Muhammad, Local Government Department director-general Datuk Lim Boh Ang, Immigration Department former director-general Datuk Mohd Zakri Abdul Rashid, Perak Director of Health Dr Sirajoon Noor S.S. Abdul Ghani, head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department Kuala Lumpur Hospital Dr Alex Mathews and director-general of Malaysian Institute of Nuclear Technology Dr Ahmad Sobri Hashim.

Recipients of the Johan Setia Mahkota award include Anti-Corruption Agency deputy director-general II Mohd Nordin Ahmad, Welfare Services Department director-general Jaafar Abdul Wahid, Fire and Rescue Department director-general Datuk Soh Chai Hock, senior consultant physician Kuala Lumpur Hospital Datuk Dr Mohd Ismail Merican, head of Plastic Surgery Department Datuk Dr Ahmad Ridzwan Arshad, Johor Director of Health Dr Doraisingam Ponnudurai, secretary Economics Division, Treasury Siti Hadzar Mohd Ismail and Selangor Director of Customs Mohd Ali @ Ramli Mohd Salleh.

Among the recipients of the AMN award are RTM programme producers Harjit Singh Hullon and Normah Khalib, freelance deejay Yasmin Yusuff and freelance newscaster Mary Anne Masilamany.

Other recipients are TV3's cameramen Jebat M. Roseli and Norkamal Azedy Ahmad, assistant producer Mohd Said Abdullah Thani, assistant engineer Hasri Abu Bakar and The Star's managing editor Michael Aeria.

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