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Snake king starts stay with 150 cobras

LANGKAWI, Sun. - World Snake King Osman Ayob today began his record-breaking attempt to live with 150 venomous cobras for 27 days in a glass cage at Taman Lagenda.

He will attempt to break the feat of Hussein Dastagir who stayed with 100 poisonous snakes for 20 days.

Osman, who won the title of World Snake King in an international competition in Perlis earlier this year, will make it to the Malaysia Book of Records for the longest stay with poisonous snakes.

He began his attempt this morning watched by a large crowd at the gardens near the Kuah jetty.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who was here for a two-day visit made an unscheduled stop to view the feat before returning to Kuala Lumpur.

While Osman was posing for media photographers, a cobra bit him on the thigh.

He immediately took a knife, cut the affected part and drew out the venom.

Osman is scheduled to get out of his glass snake-pit on Jan 2.

The event is organised by the Langkawi Development Authority.

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