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DR MAHATHIR TO PRESENT DMN TO TERENGGANU SULTAN

KUALA TERENGGANU, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will present the Darjah Utama Seri Mahkota Negara (DMN) to Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin here on Saturday, the state government said.

He would present the award on behalf of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong ahead of Sultan Mizan's installation as Terengganu's 16th ruler next month.

The DMN would be presented at a ceremony at Istana Badariah here, Deputy State Secretary Datuk Syed Ahmad Syed Kasim said today at a media briefing on the installation.

A palace luncheon would follow and Dr Mahathir is scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur at 2 pm that day, he said.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to represent the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong again at Sultan Mizan's installation at Istana Maziah here on March 4.

The installation guest list includes all the Malay rulers, members of royalty and 1,500 other dignitaries.

Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ascended the throne following the death of his father Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah last May 14.

The following are key events in Sultan Mizan's itinerary drawn up for his installation;

Feb 27 - inauguration of the Istiadat Letak Kerja (task allotment ceremony) at Istana Maziah to mark the start of a week-long installation programme;

Feb 28 - opening the Banggol mosque. Sultan Mizan personally funded its construction;

March 1 - opening the Seri Iman complex which houses the Kuala Terengganu district office and the State Islamic Affairs administration at Bukit Besar;

March 2 - opening the Tengku Ampuan Bariah bridge in Kuala Ibai;

March 4 - installation proper:

- 7.15 am - Istiadat Bersiram Tabal at Istana Maziah

- 2 pm - installation ceremony followed by royal motorcade starting at Istana Maziah and ending at Istana Badariah at Batu Buruk.

Evening - religious ceremony at Istana Maziah.

March 5 - Installation dinner at Istana Maziah. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong is scheduled to attend.

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