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Royal tea party to mark installation

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - More than 2,000 people attended a tea party hosted by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah at Istana Negara today.

The party was in conjunction with the installation of His Majesty as Malaysia's 11th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, ambassadors and High Commissioners and other foreign diplomats were among those present.

Sultan Salahuddin and Tuanku Siti Aishah also attended a concert at Dataran Merdeka as part of the five-day celebration of the installation.

Meanwhile, the evening events which were scheduled to be held at Dataran Merdeka were postponed to a later date due to rain.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali said the event would have to be held within one week as the fireworks, which were part of the events, would only last that long.

"As there were so few people, it would be a waste to go on with the show," he said, adding that the fireworks cost RM300,000.

Tajol Rosli, who is also installation central committee chairman, denied that the postponement had anything to do with any reformasi demonstrations.

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