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KING TAKES SALUTE AT TROOPING OF ROYAL COLOURS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 3 (Bernama) -- The armed forces held a trooping of the royal colours at Stadium Merdeka here to mark the official birthday of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah today.

The Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali were present.

Also present were Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and Chief of Defence Forces Gen Tan Sri Mohamed Zahidi Zainuddin and wife Puan Seri Rasiah Mohamed Noor.

Steeped in military tradition, the ceremony commenced with a 21-gun salute and a flypast by aircraft of the three services carrying the Jalur Gemilang (national flag).

Gen Zahidi then accompanied the King, who is military supreme commander, to inspect a parade commanded by Lt Kol Sheikh Mohsin Sheikh Hassan.

The King's military colours for the army, navy and air force trooped today were borne by Lt Hidzir Abdul Zabir (Royal Malay Regiment), Sub Lt Fauzi Ahmad Dzaki (Royal Malaysian Navy) and 2nd Lt M Ezril Redzuan Zainuddin (Royal Malaysian Air Force).

They commanded by Maj Hamdan Musa.

The combined armed forces band led by Lt Khairrel Anuar Haron was also in attendance.

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