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Condition of King stable after minor surgery

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah is in stable condition after a minor surgery at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore this morning.

The King's private secretary, Datuk Raja Haydar Raja Iskandar, when contacted here today, said the operation went smoothly.

He said the surgery started about 8am and lasted two hours.

"The Tuanku is now recuperating in the cardiac care unit. He is in stable condition and there is no reason for the people to worry," he said. Raja Haydar said the King was expected to rest in Singapore for a few more days.

The Raja Permaisuri Tuanku Aishah and the King's children are in Singapore with Istana Negara officials including the Grand Chamberlain Datuk Zubir Ali and controller of the palace Datuk Ishak Ahmad. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also visited the King tonight.

Meanwhile, Zubir said that according to the King's personal physician Datuk Dr Santhakumari, the King would be in the cardiac care unit for the next 24 hours.

"During the period, no visitors will be allowed," he told Bernama.

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