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INSTALLATION OF RAJA OF PERLIS ON MAY 7

KANGAR, April 26 (Bernama) -- The installation of the Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail, will be held at the Istana Arau, near here, on May 7.

Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said the installation ceremony will be steeped in royal tradition.

"It will start with a three-elephant-ride procession for two kilometres," he said at a press conference here today.

"The procession will bear the royal regalia, the long keris called Seri Rakyat Tonggak Diraja, a sword, a copy of the Quran and a copy of the state constitution."

It will be accompanied by 22 spear-bearers, seven ornament-bearers, 22 tribute-bearers, 12 representatives of ethnic groups, 14 musicians, seven umbrella-bearers, 11 bearing banners of the Armed Forces and another 11 of the Police.

The installation will be attended by royalties, Yang Dipertuas Negeri, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Shahidan said the proclamation of the Raja of Perlis will be done by Tengku Bendahara Perlis Syed Badaruddin Putra Jamalullail after which the Raja of Perlis will proclaim the installation of the Raja Perempuan Perlis Tengku Fauziah Abdul Rashid.

The installation ceremony will be broadcast live by Radio Television Malaysia (RTM).

Shahidan said a ceremony for the people to pay homage to the Raja of Perlis, to be held on May 8 at the Kangar Municipal Council field, will also involve an elephant-ride procession.

Thousands of people, from the 15 state constituencies in Perlis, as well as civil servants will participate in the procession.

In the evening, a traditional arts performance will be held at the Stadium Utama with Siti Nurhaliza as the invited artiste.

A royal banquet, at the Istana Arau on May 9, will be attended by royalties including the Sultan of Brunei, the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and other Cabinet members.

Shahidan said other events to be held to mark the installation include a water carnival, a royal concert and the official opening of several buildings and landmarks.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, who will be 58 years old on May 16, was made the Raja of Perlis on April 17 last year following the death of his father, Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, who was the Raja Muda from Oct 30, 1960, is a keen sportman.

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