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KING IN CRITICAL CONDITION BUT STABLE, ISTANA NEGARA SAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, who is being treated further at the Gleneagles Intan medical centre here, is in critical condition but is still stable, an Istana Negara statement said today.

"According to medical specialists treating his majesty, the King is now in critical condition and requires intensive care. However his majesty is still stable," said the statement signed by Istana Negara coordinator Datuk Ishak Ahmad.

Sultan Salahuddin is undergoing further treatment at the medical centre since Sunday upon being treated for almost two months at the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore.

"Let us all Malaysians pray to God the Almighty for his majesty's well-being and recovery," the statement said.

According to the statement, Sultan Azlan Shah of Perak and the Raja Permaisuri of Perak Tuanku Bainun, the Raja Muda of Perak and the King's son the Regent of Selangor were among the Malay Rulers who visited his majesty today.

Yesterday's visitors include the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin and Permaisuri Nur Zahirah, the Yang Dipertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Ja'afar and Tuanku Ampuan Najihah, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

The Menteri Besar of Selangor Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo and wife Datin Zaharah Kechik had also visited the King.

His majesty continued to receive a stream of visitors up till late afternoon, including members of the royalty notably his younger brother Tengku Besar Putra Azam and the Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah.

The Chief Justice of the Federal Court Tan Sri Dzaidin Abdullah, Women and Family Development Minister Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil and Defence Forces Chief Gen Tan Sri Mohamed Zahidi Zainuddin were among dignitaries who also visited his majesty.

At 5.30 pm, the King's sons the Regent of Selangor Tengku Idris and Tengku Sulaiman were seen leaving the medical centre and 10 minutes later the Chief Mufti of Selangor Datuk Seri Utama Diraja Haji Mohd Tamyas Abdul Wahid arrived to visit his majesty.

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