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Maintain unity, says Kedah Ruler

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ALOR STAR, Sun. - The Sultan of Kedah has called on the people to preserve unity in the face of globalisation's challenges.

"Even our culture will not be spared. Without unity, it is going to be difficult to ward off external challenges," he said.

The Sultan said this at an investiture ceremony at Istana Anak Bukit in conjunction with his 73rd birthday celebrations.

Also present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

Former Menteris Besar Tan Sri Paduka Osman Aroff and Tan Sri Sanusi Junid were also present.

State Secretary Datuk Ismail Shafie headed the list of award recipients. He was awarded the Datuk Paduka Seri Setia Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah which carries the title Datuk Paduka.

A total of 35 people were awarded the Dato Setia diRaja Kedah which carries the title Datuk.

They included State police chief Deputy Commissioner Hairuddin Mohamed, State Youth and Executive Council committee chairman Hassan Bulat and veteran actor Mahmood Derani - who's better known as Mahmood June.

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