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SULTAN MIZAN ZAINAL ABIDIN RETURNS TO TERENGGANU

KUALA TERENGGANU, Dec 14 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Terengganu, Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin was accorded a ceremonial welcome today on his return here from Kuala Lumpur where he performed the duties of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong following the hospitalisation and demise of Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin was also reelected as the Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong by the Conference of Rulers at its 191st meeting on Wednesday.

The Sultan, accompanied by Permaisuri Nur Zahirah and their children, Tengku Nadhirah Zahrah, Tengku Muhammad Ismail and Tengku Muhammad Mua'az, arrived at the Sultan Mahmud Airport on board a Royal Malaysian Air Force's VIP F28 aircraft.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin, as minister-in-attendance, his wife, and several dignitaries were in the royal entourage.

The royal couple was greeted by Terengganu's Council of Regency members, the royal family members, state executive councillors and state assemblymen.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang was not present as he is performing the umrah in the Holy Land.

The Territorial Army's Regiment 512 was in attendance.

Earlier, in SUBANG, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad bade farewell to Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin at the RMAF station.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Cabinet ministers and other dignitaries.

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