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Agong-Sarawak
AGONG LEAVES FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT TO SARAWAK

KUALA LUMPUR, July 15 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid left here this morning for a four-day visit to Sarawak.

Among those present to send them off at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) station in Subang were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and several cabinet ministers.

Dr Mahathir left for Kedah soon after the royal couple's departure.

In Kuching, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin and Tuanku Fauziah were greeted on arrival by the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin and his wife, Toh Puan Norkiah, Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud and his wife, Puan Sri Laila Taib, state cabinet ministers and senior government officials.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin then inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 101 men and four officers led by Mej Mohamed Hanafi Shamsudin of the 13th Battalion, Royal Malay Regiment.

Energy, Telecommunications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Amar Leo Moggie is minister-in-attendance.

According to the itinerary, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong will later grant an audience to the Yang Dipertua Negeri, chief minister and state cabinet ministers at his hotel before joining them for lunch.

This afternoon, he will attend a development briefing at Wisma Bapa Malaysia in Petra Jaya while Tuanku Fauziah will visit the Sarawak Federation Women's Institute.

Tonight, the royal couple will attend a state banquet at the banquet hall of the state assembly building in Petra Jaya.

This is the Yang di-Pertuan Agong's second visit to Sarawak. Last month, he was here to attend the Gawai Dayak "open house" organised by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry.

During his current four-day visit, the Yang di Pertuan Agong is also scheduled to visit Bintulu and Miri.

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