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TROOPING OF COLOURS STARTS KING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

KUALA LUMPUR, June 1 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail witnessed the trooping of colours, held in conjunction with his birthday celebration, at the Merdeka Square here this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid.

Sixteen officers and 312 men from the army, air force and navy, led by Lt Kol Zamrus Mohamed Zain took part in the event. They were accompanied by the Armed Forces brass band.

The trooping of colours ended with the royal salute and fly-past by five helicopters which emitted colourful smoke.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, cabinet ministers, dignitaries and representatives of foreign embassies and missions were also present.

The trooping of colours drew thousands of city dwellers and foreign tourists who thronged the Merdeka Square since early morning.

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