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Agong-Installation
KING TO BE INSTALLED WITH FULL POMP AND PAGEANTRY

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 24 (Bernama) -- The Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, 57, will be installed as the 12th Yang di-Pertuan Agong with full pomp and pageantry at the Balairong Seri or Throne Room of Istana Negara tomorrow morning.

According to details of the ceremonial installation issued by the Ceremonies Division and International Conference Secretariat of the Prime Minister's Department the Nobat or the Royal Ensemble from Istana Kedah will be in attendance.

The trumpet will sound and the Nobat will struck up the "Raja Berangkat" (The King Goes Forth) to announce the arrival of Their Majesties the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid at the Balarong Seri.

The ceremony will be attended by Their Royal Highnesses the Malay Rulers, Members of the Royal Household, Their Excellencies the Yang Dipertuas Negeri, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Also present will be Cabinet Ministers, Chief Ministers, Menteri Besar, members of the foreign diplomatic corps and local and foreign distinguished guests.

The installation ceremony to begin at 10am will be carried live by RTM.

The ceremony will begin with the arrival of the Malay Rulers at the Balairong Seri led by the Grand Chamberlain, Datuk Zubir Ali and the bearers of the "Mace of the Universe" and the "Mace of Religion."

Both the sceptres are made of silver and form part of the royal regalia symbolising the royal authority of the Government of Malaysia.

They will be accompanied by His Majesty's footmen and bearers of the royal regalia.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin will be in the official ceremonial outfit of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, comprising the black royal jacket embroidered in gold thread, long black pants, the royal head-dress with the fold known as "Dendam Tak Sudah" (Unendingly Passionate).

His Majesty will wear the gold and diamond studded Royal Waist Buckle with the Federal Government crest in the middle, together with a girdle made of wool and embroded in golden flowers.

From his waist will hang the Royal Short Kris made of ancient kris blades and ivory studded with gold engravings.

Tuanku Fauziah will be in the ceremonial dress of the Raja Permaisuri Agong, crowned with the Royal Tiara and also wear the Royal Necklace made of platinum encrusted with diamonds.

Their Majesties will remain seated on the throne for the installation ceremony.

The Master of Ceremonies Datuk Ishak Ahmad, who is also the Controller of the Royal Household, will bring into the Balairong Seri a copy of the Quran while Istana Negara officials led by the Grand Chamberlain will carry the Government Kris, Letter of Proclamation and the Royal Oath to the accompaniment of "Menjunjung Duli" by the Nobat.

The Quran, the symbol of Malaysia's official religion, will be presented to His Majesty by the Grand Chamberlain.

The Prime Minister will then read out the Letter of Proclamation written in jawi on goat hide.

The Grand Chamberlain will then present the Government Kris or the

Royal Long Dagger, the symbol of power and authority, to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

The ceremonial kris is the dominant national symbol, denoting grandeur, status, and power in the hands of those who hold and possess one.

His Majesty will then draw the kris, kiss it and return it to its sheath before placing it on the table on his left, in front of the Quran.

His Majesty will then give his pledge as the Paramount Ruler of Malaysia.

Soon after the Letter of Proclamation had been read, the trumpet will sound once more and the Nobat will render the "Raja Bertabal" (The King is Crowned) and this will be followed with shouts of "Daulat Tuanku" thrice by the Grand Chamberlain, to be repeated by those present.

This will be followed by a 21-Gun Salute and the rendition of the "Negaraku" by the Royal Malaysia Police Band.

Dr Mahathir will then on behalf of the Government and people of Malaysia congratulate and pledge loyalty to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

The King will then deliver his royal address.

Istana Negara Religious Affairs officer Datuk Abu Hassan Din will later read the doa selamat.

Before the installation ceremony ends, the Grand Chamberlain will receive the copy of the Quran from His Majesty and then announce that the installation ceremony is over. Their Majesties will then take their leave from the Balairong Seri.

The trumpet will again sound and the Nobat will play the "Raja Berangkat" with the Grand Chamberlain leading Their Majesties out of the Throne Room to be followed by the Controller of the Royal Household bearing the Quran and the bearers of the Mace of the Universe and the Mace of Religion and other royal regalia.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin was elected the 12th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at a special meeting of the Conference of Rulers on Dec 12 following the death of Tuanku Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah on Nov 21 last year.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin was ceremoniously sworn in on Dec 13 last year. His Majesty will reign for a five-year period, God willing.

Usually the installation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is not held simultaneously with the swearing-in but after a few months or a certain period of time.

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