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A royal birthday wish for preservation of peace, stability

PEKAN, Sat. - The Sultan of Pahang today called on the people to help preserve peace and stability in the country.

Sultan Ahmad Shah said disunity was a problem that should be dealt with seriously.

The Ruler said differences between the people should be set aside to allow peace and stability to continue.

"I would like to see no disunity at all in Pahang," he said at the investiture ceremony held at the Istana Abu Bakar here in conjunction with his 72nd birthday.

The Sultan said it was also important to ensure that the people were not influenced by elements bent on causing disorder and destruction.

Present at the ceremony were the Sultan's consort, Sultanah Kalsom, Tengku Mahkota Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, Tengku Puan Pahang Tengku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah Sultan Iskandar, Tengku Muda Tengku Abdul Rahman Sultan Ahmad Shah, Cik Puan Muda Julita Aishah Abdul Latif and members of the royal family.

The Sultan thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the support and assistance Pahang was receiving from the Federal Government. "I hope the support and assistance will continue."

He commended Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob and the State administration for their efforts and effective leadership in bringing progress and prosperity to the State.

"The State administration and security forces have worked with utmost dedication to ensure continued progress and stability in Pahang."

The Ruler also made special mention of those involved in Tengku Abdul Rahman's royal wedding in July.

"I want to thank everyone, especially my son, the Tengku Mahkota, the Tengku Puan, the State Government and everyone who helped make the wedding a success."

At the ceremony, the Sultan conferred the Darjah Kerabat II title on his brother, the Tengku Arif Bendahara Pahang, Tengku Abdullah Sultan Abu Bakar.

New Straits Times Press group editor-in-chief Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad and Air Force chief Jen Datuk Seri Panglima Suleiman Mahmud received the Sri Sultan Ahmad Shah Pahang (SSAP) which carries the title "Datuk Seri".

The others who received the SSAP today were Public Bank Berhad chairman Tan Sri Dr Teh Hong Piow, Asian Omega (M) Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Joseph Chang Chek Ah, Chief Judge of Malaya Tan Sri Ahmad Fairuz Sheikh Abdul Halim, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman, Pahang Agriculture Farmers Association chairman and former Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman and MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek.

Indonesian businessman Budi Santoso Saroyo was the sole recipient of the SSAP (honorary).

They were among 1,052 people conferred various awards by the Ruler this year.

The Sultan's younger brothers, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Tengku Azlan Sultan Abu Bakar and Tengku Datuk Azman Sultan Abu Bakar were among the recipients of the Seri Indera Mahkota Pahang (SIMP), which carries the title "Datuk".

Others who received the award were Youth and Sports Minister Datuk

Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Deputy Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Tan Mohd Aminuddin Ishak, Jururancang Malaysia Sdn Bhd architect Datuk Esa Mohamed, Pahang State Secretary Datuk Abdul Rahim Abdul and Malaysia Airlines managing director Datuk Md Nor Md Yusof.

Seventeen people received the Darjah Sultan Ahmad Shah Pahang (DSAP) award which also carries the title "Datuk".

Among them were Tengku Arif Bendahara's wife, Cik Puan Bendahara Habibah Mohd Yusoff, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Zainal Abidin Zin, State Executive Council members Datuk Kan Tong Leong, Datuk Law Kee Long, Datuk Omar Othman, Datuk Shahiruddin Abd Moin and Police Internal Security and Public Order director Datuk Mohd Sedek Mohd Ali.

The two recipients of the DSAP (honorary) were businessman Harun Abdul Majid and ING Insurance Bhd president Christopher Stephen Davies.

The Sultan's younger sister, Tengku Nor Akma Sultan Abu Bakar, headed the list of Darjah Indera Mahkota Pahang (DIMP) recipients.

Taiping High Court judge V. Thiripurasingam, Kota Baru High Court judge Datuk Muhamad Ideres Muhamad Rapee, Election Commission secretary Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar and veteran actress Datin Sarimah Ahmad were among the others awarded the DIMP.