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Sultan: No progress without peace

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ALOR STAR, Sun. - The Sultan of Kedah today reminded the people of the importance of peace and harmony.

Otherwise, he said, there would be no progress and development.

The Sultan said this at the investiture ceremony at Istana Anak Bukit in conjunction with his 74th birthday celebrations.

"History has shown that the downfall of past civilisations was caused by animosity and squabbles among the people," he said.

Present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail headed the list of 975 recipients.

The King and Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin Sultan Mahmud were awarded the Darjah Kerabat (DK) title.

Next on the list of recipients was Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Mohamed Zahir Ismail, who was awarded the Darjah Seri Setia DiRaja Kedah (SSDK) which carries the title Datuk Seri.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir was awarded Datuk Paduka Seri Setia Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah (DHMS) which carries the title Datuk Paduka.

Army chief General Tan Sri Md Hashim Hussein and State Financial officer Datuk Mohd Omar Mohamed were awarded the Darjah Kebesaran Gemilang Seri Mahkota Kedah Yang Amat Dihormati (DGMK) which carries the title Datuk Wira.

Thirty-five people were awarded the Datuk Setia DiRaja Kedah (DSDK) which carries the title Datuk.

Among them were State Housing and Local Government Committee chairman Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah, and Brig Jen Yusoff Izzudin Zainal Izzudin of Terendak Camp.

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