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AGONG ATTENDS ROYAL BANQUET HOSTED BY SULTAN OF KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, April 25 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid tonight attended the royal banquet at the Istana Negeri Kubang Kerian here.

The reception was hosted by the Sultan of Kelantan and Raja Perempuan in conjunction with the silver jubilee celebrations of his reign.

The Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and Queen Sarikit of Thailand, other Malay Rulers except from Johor and Terengganu and the Yang Dipertua Negeri of Melaka, Penang, Sabah and Sarawak were also present.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, several cabinet ministers and menteri besar made up some of the 1,000 VIPs at the function.

The Royal Malay Regiment Orchestra backed popular artistes like Anita Sarawak and Yusni Hamid in their rendition of songs during the reception.

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